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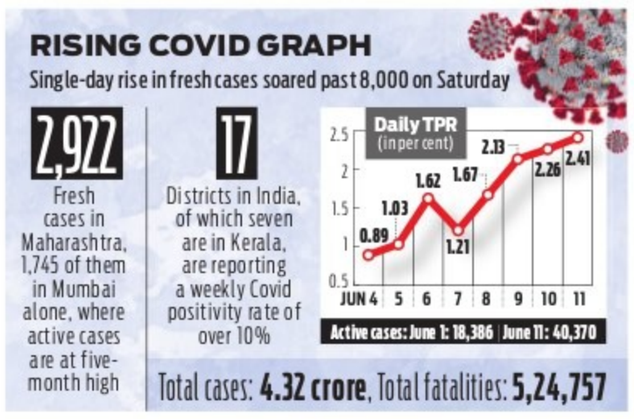
RISING COVID GRAPH
Single-day rise in fresh cases soared past 8,000 on Saturday
2,922
Fresh cases in Maharashtra, 1,745 of them in Mumbai alone, where active cases are at five-month high
17
Districts in India, of which seven are in Kerala, are reporting a weekly Covid positivity rate of over 10%
Daily TPR (in per cent)
0.89
1.03
1.62
1.21
1.67
2.13
2.26
2.41
JUN 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
Active cases: June 1: 18,386 | June 11: 40,370
Total cases: 4.32 crore, Total fatalities: 5,24,757

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Surprise gain for BJP in photo-finish

Setback for Congress in Haryana as Ajay Maken loses; BJP wins three seats in Maharashtra

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

AFTER night-long suspense, the BJP emerged victorious with surprise wins in the fiercely contested Rajya Sabha elections in Haryana and Maharashtra, where results were delayed due to allegations of voting malpractices.

In Haryana, BJP-backed independent candidate Kartikeya Sharma defeated Congress leader Ajay Maken. The media baron's win was thanks to two Congress legislators — Kuldeep Bishnoi who voted against his party's candidate and Kiran Choudhary whose vote was disqualified by the Election Commission. Following Bishnoi's cross-voting, the Congress expelled him from all party posts. The BJP bagged the second seat from Haryana as well, with Krishan Lal Panwar being declared the winner.

The results were declared around 2.30 am on Saturday after counting was put on hold for nine hours. Counting began only after the BJP's petition to the Election Commission seeking cancellation of two Congress votes was rejected.

In the 90-member state assembly, 89 MLAs cast their votes. Of these, Congress MLA Kiran Choudhry's vote was cancelled as she "wrongly cast her ballot". With this, the total number of votes became 88 as independent MLA Balraj Kundu had already decided to abstain from voting.

In a nail-biting finish, Panwar and Shama, who was primarily sponsored by the Janata Party and supported by the BJP, were respectively declared elected. The value of votes polled by the BJP was 3,600. Panwar received 36 first-preference votes while Sharma got 23. The vote value of the Congress was 2,900.

In Maharashtra, the BJP won three out of the six seats up for grabs in the bitter contest that went down to the wire, with Piyush Goyal, Anil Bonde and Dhananjay Mahadik emerging victorious. From the ruling MVA coalition, Shiv Sena's Sanjay Raut, NCP's Praful Patel and Congress' candidate Imran Pratapgarhi made it to the Upper House. P10

BJP's strength down to 92; Cong gains 3

The BJP's strength in the Rajya Sabha has fallen from 95 to 92 while the number of Congress members has gone up from 29 to 31 after results of the Rajya Sabha elections

Mamata seeks to lead Oppn's prez poll fight, calls 22 leaders for talks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi/Kolkata

WITH the Presidential election set to be held on July 18, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday wrote to 22 opposition leaders to attend a meeting convened by her at her New Delhi residence on June 15 to present a joint strategy.

In the letter, Mamata called for a strong and effective opposition comprising "all progressive forces" to resist the "divisive force".

She said the meeting is to discuss strategies for a "fruitful confluence" of Opposition voices. "At a time when our democracy is going through troubling times, I believe that a fruitful confluence of opposition votes is the need of the hour to echo the deprived and unrepresented communities," she wrote.

Mamata's move, coming days after Congress leader Sonia Gandhi reached out to the Opposition leaders on fielding a common presidential candidate, is being seen as an attempt by her to take a lead role in the negotiations.

Mamata is trying "to tell the Congress that it can't be the leading force for the opposition coalition. The invite has been sent to opposition parties—AAP, YSRCP, and TRS—that the Congress may not be willing to ally with," said an opposition leader.

Sonia is one of the invitees for the meeting—a significant development given that relations between the Congress and TMC had soured ahead of the recent Goa Assembly polls.

INVITEES

1. Arvind Kejriwal (CM, Delhi)
2. Pinarayi Vijayan (CM, Kerela)
3. Naveen Patnaik (CM, Odisha)
4. Kalvakuntla Chandrashekar Rao (CM, Telangana)
5. M K Stalin (CM, Tamil Nadu)
6. Uddhav Thackeray (CM, Maharastra)
7. Hemant Soren (CM, Jharkhand)
8. Bhagwant Singh Mann (CM, Punjab)
9. Sonia Gandhi (president, INC)
10. Lalu Prasad Yadav (president, RJD)
11. D Raja (general secretary, CPI)
12. Sitaram Yechury (general secretary, CPIM)
13. Akhilesh Yadav (president, Samajwadi Party)
14. Sharad Pawar (president, NCP)
15. Jayant Chaudhary (national president, RLD)
16. H D Kumaraswamy (former CM of Karnataka)
17. H D Deve Gowda (MP, former PM of India)
18. Farooq Abdullah (president, JKNC)
19. Mehbooba Mufti (president, PDP)
20. Sukhbir Singh Badal (president, Akali Dal)
21. Pawan Chamling (president, Sikkim Democratic Front)
22. K M Kader Mohideen (president, IUML)

EXPRESS READ

15K people can attend PM's yoga day event

Bengaluru: With PM Narendra Modi all set to participate in the International Yoga Day event in Mysuru, Karnataka's Covid Technical Advisory committee has given nod for 15,000 people to take part in it. Since the event will be held between 6 am and 7.45 am in an open area, it was felt that the risk is less, TAC sources said. | P4

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HATE SPEECH PROTEST TURNS DEADLY; 2 KILLED IN RANCHI

Security personnel stand guard in an area of Ranchi on Saturday | PTI

New Delhi: Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Saturday ordered a high-level probe into the deadly violence over hate speech by BJP functionaries that rocked Ranchi and left two young boys dead and 24 injured. The state capital has been blanketed by heavy police cover. In West Bengal, violence continued in Howrah. Protesters clashed with the police and several houses were set on fire.

Gang issuing fake Aadhaar to Bangla migrants busted, 9 held

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@ Bengaluru

A software engineer who lost his job during the nationwide lockdown imposed due to Covid-19 pandemic, a pharmacist and a businessman are part of a nine-member gang arrested by the police on charges of issuing fake Aadhaar cards and other government documents to illegal immigrants from Bangladesh residing in the city. The accused include three Bangladeshi migrants.

Around 92 Aadhaar enrolment forms with seals of BBMP health officers, 31 Aadhaar cards, 28 voter IDs, 26 fake letter-heads, 16 mobile phones, 13 PAN cards, five seals of BBMP health officers, two laptops, two printers, ATM cards and other documents have been seized from the accused.

The fraudulent activities came to light after the Madhanayakanahalli police of the Bengaluru Rural district arrested a Bangladeshi national identified as Sheikh Ismail Kitab Ali in connection with a ₹18 lakh theft from an ATM kiosk at Chikkagollarahatti on April 15, this year. P3

Ravi, Poojary defend text revision

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Mangaluru/Shivamogga

BJP National General Secretary C T Ravi on Saturday said that revision of textbooks being carried out by the BJP-led state government is intended to set right "anomalies" and to instill a sense of nationalism among people.

He was speaking at an interaction programme on 'Textbook Politics - Truth and Myth' organised by Citizens Council at Sangha Nikethan in Mangaluru.

Meanwhile, in Shivamogga, Social Welfare Minister Kota Srinivas Poojary said a series of lies were being spread against the revision of textbooks which is a routine procedure followed whenever required.

JUMBO WITH LONGEST TUSKS SAYS GOODBYE

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

BHOGESHWAR — the tusker with the longest tusks among Asian elephants — is no more. One of the most popular jumbos for tourists in the Kabini backwaters, Bhogeshwar, 60, died due to age-related issues. The gentle giant was a regular sight for tourists at Nagarahole and Bandipur Tiger Reserves. He was a sight to behold for tribals and locals living in the region.

According to forest department officials, Bhogeshwar was found dead in Gundre Range of Bandipur Tiger Reserve (BTR) at around 9.30 am. BTR Director Ramesh Kumar told *The New Sunday Express* that an autopsy conducted on the animal has confirmed that he died due to natural causes and had no injury marks.

Foresters on the ground, however, said Bhogeshwar's health began deteriorating since a week after he had a fight with another tusker last week. CONTINUED ON: P5

Idgah row: BBMP orders status quo

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

IN a fresh development in the Chamarajpet Idgah Maidan controversy, the BBMP on Saturday issued an order that status quo should be maintained over the 2.5-acre land.

S M Srinivasa, BBMP Special Commissioner said that the decision was taken after the Central Muslim Association Karnataka also submitted records.

"Only after the legal department of BBMP submits its report, the next step will be taken. Until then, status quo will be maintained," he said.

The BBMP officer explained that the order on maintaining status quo means that the present activities of using it as a playground, for religious prayers, or any other ongoing activities will continue.

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• **Ritu:** Greeshma • **Masa:** Jyeshta • **Paksha:** Shukla • **Tithi:** STh rayodashi 9.55 pm
• **Nakshatra:** Vishaka 10.04 pm • Moon in Vrischika Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 04:30 pm to 06:00 pm
• **Gulikakala:** 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 29°C
FORECAST
Showers late. Mostly cloudy

Sunrise 5.53 am
Sunset 6.46 pm
Moonrise 4.37 am
Moonset 3.34 pm

KODAGU'S CAUSE

In its 42 years, Coorg Wildlife Society has taken up conservation of the mahseer, ecology awareness, plantation and cleanliness drives

PRAJNA GR @ Madikeri

Participants during a nature awareness trek organised by the Coorg Wildlife Society

TRIANGULAR green and yellow stickers with the silhouette of a sambar deer are instantly recognisable on a majority of vehicles in Kodagu. The stickers of Coorg Wildlife Society -- a pioneer NGO that has taken oath to protect the Western Ghats in the district -- are a badge of pride which not only connect residents instantly, but also give out a strong message of environment conservation.

Established in 1980, Coorg Wildlife Society (CWS) is primarily engaged in wildlife programmes across Kodagu, and has a dedicated team that aims at increasing awareness about wildlife and protected habitats. "CWS started with an aim to educate children and the local population about wildlife, flora and fauna. Gradually, the society got involved in conservation of environment," explained KA Chengappa, president of CWS. Member Navin Bopaiah shared that CWS has a long history of campaigning for the environment, which has ensured that government policies and laws help safeguard wildlife and promote wildlife-friendly land management.

Among the many projects undertaken by the organisation, the conservation of mahseer fish ranks first in its table of achievements.

Nearly 35 years ago, CWS leased a 35-km stretch of river Cauvery near Siddapura to start a conservation programme for the endangered mahseer species. Today, the organisation has been successful in curbing mahseer poaching, and establishing a large-scale breeding programme to revive the fish variety. "All commercial activities along the 35-km stretch of river have been stopped due to the efforts of CWS. We have made many blocks across the stretch and appointed guards to stop illegal fishing of mahseer. With successful breeding programmes, the fish variety has restocked in river Cauvery," explained Chengappa. He added that CWS has now taken special interest in repopulating the Cauvery with the orange-finned mahseer variety.

"Orange-finned mahseer are native to the Cauvery and are critically endangered. Apart from illegal fishing, excessive preying of these fish by other fish varieties affected its population. We are starting conservation of the orange-finned variety in a holding tank, and have got immense support from the fisheries department," he explained.

CWS is also in talks with the forest department to extend the conservation of mahseer in the Cauvery at Bheemeshwari, in Mandya district. "We have written several letters to the authorities to stop construction of the Mekedatu dam, that will seriously affect the species in Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary," Chengappa confirmed.

Apart from mahseer conservation, the society is actively involved in plantation drives, cleanliness projects, birding programmes and organising eco treks across Kodagu.

CWS, with support from the forest department, will soon initiate a plantation drive of Napier Grass across Dubare and Mathigodu riverside areas, where elephant populations are found in herds. The organisation hosted a bamboo re-plantation drive to replenish the forests. It also hosts treks across reserve forests and hills of Kodagu with support from the forest department. "These are awareness treks, and participants learn the importance of forests and its inhabitants. Cleanliness drives are also hosted along the way," he explained.

Meanwhile, a massive clean-up drive was hosted by the CWS team on Thithimathi forest fringes and saw participation from students from Bengaluru and Mysuru too. Two truckloads of trash were cleared during the Environment Day event.

The annual birding initiative by the organisation attracts professional and amateur birders, who record the variety of bird species found in the district. During this year's bird festival, the team spotted the critically endangered Indian Vulture soaring high up in the sky, across the Brahmagiri Range.

The team opines that awareness among the people towards environment protection is the need of the hour. "Alongside awareness, forests must be maintained scientifically. The population of tigers and elephants is increasing, but forest cover is shrinking. If this continues, we will have to face a grave future filled with human-wildlife conflict," concluded Chengappa.

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CWS' mahseer fish conservation progamme

A DIGNIFIED PLACE FOR THE DEPARTED

From a 'black spot', crematorium in Udupi has now become a model

PRAKASH SAMAGA @ Udupi

BROKEN benches, overgrown bushes, torn clothes, dry flowers and earthen pots. These are the things that you associate a crematorium with. But here is a crematorium with a difference. It is clean and has a lush green cover, making people mistake it to be a park. Only when they step inside do they realise that this place at the Sarkari Gudde in Katapady gram panchayat at Kaup taluk in Udupi district is where the final rites of the dead are conducted.

Though it is now touted as a model for other crematoriums, it was not all that rosy till recently. The area where the crematorium is located was known to be a 'black spot', where garbage used to be dumped. After intense efforts by several Good Samaritans, including the local panchayat members, the crematorium is now a tidy place with a garden, giving it the dignity and respect the deceased deserve.

This crematorium was started in 1962. But the actual development — its transformation — took place six years ago when the panchayat showed interest in turning it into a model crematorium.

Kishore Poojari, who works at the crematorium, told *The New Sunday Express* that 30 cents of barren land near the crematorium was mindlessly used as a dump yard.

He then proposed the idea before the local elected representatives and the Katapady Gram Panchayat decided to transform it. Indira S Acharya, president of the panchayat, and Abubakar AR, vice-president, meticulously planned its transformation. Apart from a spacious waiting area, storage room to keep firewood and an ash pond were built, while CCTV cameras were installed.

The crematorium's courtyard was spruced up with interlocking tiles and stone benches for the relatives of the dead to sit and perform the rituals. The local panchayat approached the zilla panchayat for funds to lay the interlocking tiles and Rs 2.36 lakh was sanctioned through the panchayat raj engineering division last year.

Poojari says the timing for cremations is fixed between 7 am and 7 pm. But on some inevitable occasions, he has gone beyond the call of duty and assisted the bereaving family members to cremate their loved ones even late at night.

Though Rs 3,000 is charged for cremating a body, there have been several instances where the poor are not charged.

Abubakar says that earlier, they were upset when the dumping of waste went on unabated.

"We understood that unless a garden is created in the available 30 cents of empty barren land, there will be no end to the garbage menace. More than 85 different species of fruit-bearing seedlings have been planted and they are flourishing now. Some vegetable plants were also planted. To ensure that everything in this crematorium is well organised, a toilet complex was built. A bathroom with shower facility is also available as many prefer to have a bath after the rituals at the crematorium," he pointed out.

Acharya says a drip irrigation facility has been provided for the garden. "We want to send out a message that a well-maintained crematorium is useful for society. We have invested a lot of money and time on it," she adds.

Ashok Rao, former president and now a member of the panchayat, came forward and donated lights for the crematorium in memory of his mother.

Also, the walls inside the crematorium have some meaningful artwork on life and death. There are two chambers to cremate the bodies and are well maintained.

The garden created behind the crematorium (below) in Katapady, Udupi | EXPRESS

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Abubakar AR, Vice-President, Katapady Gram Panchayat

Create bamboo parks to increase oxygen levels

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

WITH an increase in awareness on planting saplings and increasing green cover, the Bamboo Society of India (BSI) has urged the government, citizens and private organisations to plant more bamboo which is a good source of oxygen.

The Society is also writing to government agencies and industries offering assistance in setting up bamboo parks in the state. BSI members had earlier held meetings with BBMP and BMRCL on creating bamboo parks, but it did not materialise.

Punati Sridhar, former Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and BSI Chairman told The New Indian Express that not many are aware of the importance of bamboo. It grows fast, needs less maintenance and ensures there is good oxygen in the atmosphere. The available space for bamboo cultivation in India is the same as China, but it is yet to pick up in the state and country.

Oxymeter tests have shown that oxygen level in bamboo parks is 30-35 per cent, against the average of 21 per cent in the air and 15 per cent in the city.

Sridhar said BSI can offer assistance in bamboo plantation and maintenance. He said most people do not know that it needs minimum maintenance and has a lot of benefits. Bamboo can also be planted along with other trees.

A forest department official pointed out that, currently, emphasis is more on developing ornamental and Miyawaki urban forests. Industries are keen on having more trees and also more space covered under plantation.

"Along with native and indigenous trees, bamboo plantation should be emphasised as it requires smaller space and oxygen level can be improved which in turn will improve the health of people," he said.

Vibhuthipura Lake to get a new look

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@Bengaluru

IN another five to six months, Vibhuthipura Lake will provide a serene atmosphere for walkers as after years of wait, it is witnessing development. The side of pathways and bund is being developed into a park with funds of Rs 1 crore.

Speaking to *The New Sunday Express* after the 'bhumi puja' for the project on Saturday, Urban Development Minister Byrathi Basavaraj said beautification work has been pending for quite some time and now the project is being implemented at a quick pace. Ornamental plants and fruit-bearing trees will come up. Landscaping work is also being taken up. The BBMP's horticulture wing will execute the work.

Urban Development Minister Byrathi Basavaraj offers 'bhumi puja at the lake

BBMP polls soon: Minister

Speaking on the ordinance signed by the Governor for OBC reservation for the BBMP polls, the minister said soon the draft of delimitation will also be cleared and the BBMP elections will be held at the earliest.

"As the security near the lake premises is a concern, more homeguards are being deployed and police have been asked to increase the patrolling, especially during mornings and evenings. Work has also begun for a sewage treatment plant. The development are a part of projects being taken under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav," the minister said.

As flexes and banners are mushrooming close to the lake premises, the minister informed that there is a clear high court order stating that all such material should be removed and he will instruct officials and ward level leaders to do so.

EXPRESS READ

Event to bring local community together

Bengaluru: Malleswaram Social, a local community group, is organising a two-day event, 'Majja Maadona Malleswaram' over the weekend, trying to reignite community spaces in the locality. This included organising several old school games for children and adults alike like hop-scotch and carrom, to bring the community together. Similarly, group yoga sessions and zumba classes were organised on Saturday, with more to come on Sunday. Locals took up wall painting to bring about more colour and spread the message of sustainability within the community. **ENS**

WITH CASE IN SC, BU LIKELY TO GET V-C AFTER A MONTH

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

DESPITE Prof K R Venugopal retiring as Bangalore University's Vice-Chancellor on June 12, a court case on his appointment still rages on, due to which, the varsity now is likely only get a permanent V-C a month from now.

On Friday, Karnataka Governor Thawaar Chand Gehlot's office issued a notification, appointing Dr Cynthia Menezes, Dean of the Faculty of Commerce and Management, to take charge as acting V-C. According to the notification, the selection process for a suitable candidate for the position has not been completed.

However, the selection process may have hit a snag due to a plea by Prof Sangamesh Patil, Chief Minister's nominee for the VC's post, earlier this month. Patil had taken issue with the university's call for applications for post ahead of Venugopal's retirement, as the court case was still ongoing. Following this, the Supreme Court agreed to hear the matter on an urgent basis on June 2.

As a result, since an order is yet to be given by the Supreme Court, the Karnataka High Court instructed the state government not to move forward with the selection process of the V-C, past the appointment of the acting V-C. However, with the SC on vacation until July 10, the post may not be filled properly for at least a month.

DURATION OF PANDEMIC	CASES REPORTED	DEATHS	DISCHARGES
2 YEARS, 95 DAYS	■ 562 ◂ 525	■ 0 | ◂ 0	■ 352 | ◂ 228
	TALLY	POSITIVITY RATE	MORTALITY RATE
		■ 5.94% | ◂ 5.94%	■ 1.01% | ◂ 1.01%
■ TODAY	■ 39,55,871	ACTIVE CASES ■ 3,382	RECOVERY RATE ■ 98.90%
◂ YESTERDAY	◂ 39,55,309	◂ 3,177	◂ 98.90%

B'luru Urban: 545	Chamarajanagar: 0	Dharwad: 1	Kolara: 0	Shivamogga: 0
B'luru Rural: 0	Chikkaballapur: 0	Gadag: 0	Koppal: 0	Tumakuru: 1
Bagalkot: 1	Chikkamagaluru: 0	Hassan: 1	Mandya: 0	Udupi: 1
Ballari: 0	Chitradurga: 2	Haveri: 0	Mysuru: 4	U Kannada: 1
Belagavi: 1	D Kannada: 3	Kalaburagi: 0	Raichur: 0	Vijayapura: 0
Bidar: 1	Davanagere: 0	Kodagu: 0	Ramanagara: 0	Yadgir: 0

Idgah: Locals argue with officials over digging ground for CCTVs

Apprehending trouble, additional forces were deployed and situation brought under control

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@ Bengaluru

THE police and BBMP officials were taken by surprise when hundreds of residents from surrounding areas gathered as soon as a digging work to install CCTV cameras started at Idgah Grounds at Chamarajpet on Saturday morning.

Assuming that unauthorised construction was being taken up at the controversial site, the locals argued with officials, said a police official attached to the Chamarajpet police station.

Apprehending trouble, additional police forces were deployed and the situation was brought under control. Senior police officials from the Bengaluru West Division said some residents argued that when restrictions are being placed on using the grounds, how could officials take up the CCTV installation work. "Sufficient forces were deployed to ensure the situation did not go out of hand. Things returned to normal by noon," the officer said.

The police and BBMP will install 12 CCTV cameras for security purposes.

A local leader argues with police officials over digging of Idgah Ground to install CCTV cameras, at Chamarajpet on Saturday | EXPRESS

Ex-corporator enters scene

BV Ganesh, an ex- corporator, said he received 50-60 calls from local residents that some construction was being carried out at the grounds. "I sought clarification from the assistant executive engineer," he said.

City top cop meets Muslim religious leaders

Bengaluru: In the wake of protests erupting across the country over remarks made by suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma against Prophet Mohammed, Bengaluru Police Commissioner C H Pratap Reddy held a meeting with Muslim religious leaders at his office on Saturday afternoon. As many as 16 Muslim religious leaders attended the meeting which last for an hour. The leaders gave an assurance to the police that they will take up the matter legally and would not resort to any kind of protest. Later speaking to media, Reddy said, "Untoward incidents are being reported from different parts of the country since two days. In the backdrop of this, CM Basavaraj Bommai has issued instructions to maintain law and order."

SHOT IN THE ARM

K'taka tops 11 cr in Covid-19 vaccination

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA on Saturday crossed the 11-crore mark in Covid-19 vaccinations. Taking to Twitter, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said Karnataka has so far administered 5.45 crore of first dose vaccine, 5.28 crore of second dose and 26.41 lakh precaution dose.

Expressing happiness and also extending gratitude to Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar, Bommai tweeted, "Happy to share that we cross yet another landmark. #Karnataka crosses 11 crore doses of Covid vaccinations. Salute all health workers & gratitude to @mla_sudhakar for this feat." Dr Sudhakar thanked all the citizens, health workers, social organisations, religious leaders, and volunteers. He, however, requested people to take the booster dose.

TAC expects fourth wave by June 22

The state's Covid Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) expects the Covid fourth wave to hit the state by June 22, as predicted by IIT Kanpur. Sources said that there is unofficial primary information that B4 and B5 variants have been detected among Covid cases being reported, although Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomic Consortia (INSACOG) is yet to officially confirm it. People should take precautionary doses to prevent unwanted rush when the fourth wave hits, they advised.

No mask penalty in B'luru for now

Though TAC had recommended that penalties would be imposed for violating the mask rule in a week in Bengaluru, the health department has decided not to go ahead with it for now as Covid containment measures under the Disaster Management Act 2005 were discontinued on March 31. They, however, have the authority to impose the penalties under the Epidemic Diseases Act, health department sources said.

Popcorn vendor caught spitting in oil

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

SIDDAPURA police have arrested a 21-year-old vendor on Saturday after residents complained that he was spitting in cooking oil. Morning walkers caught him red handed in Lalbagh and alerted the police.

A senior police officer said Nayaz Pasha, a resident of Someshwaranagar, runs a popcorn store in Lalbagh and around 9.30 am, the residents spotted him spitting in the cooking oil while frying popcorn. One of the senior citizens questioned him and Pasha apologised. The police closed his shop and took him to police custody. The oil bottle in which he had spit has been seized.

The residents have not filed a written complaint and so, the police have filed a suomotu case. He has been booked under IPC section 269 among others.

PALIKE FAKE SEAL, LETTERHEAD USED

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ALI named another illegal immigrant, Syed Akoon alias Shahid Ahmed, as the main accused, who was also running a scrap factory in the city. Akoon had illegally entered India through Tripura. With agents' help, he had managed to convert Indian rupees into taka from his bank accounts. Akoon's grilling led to the arrest of eight others involved in the racket.

The main accused is said to have converted Rs 4 crore to takas in the last one year. He was operating through three bank accounts and money was being transferred to the agents' accounts in Kolkata, Punjab and Chennai. The police are in the process of freezing nearly 13 bank accounts.

The gang, using BBMP's letter-head with fake seals and signatures of BBMP health officers, claims to have obtained Aadhaar cards by submitting it at a Bengaluru One centre. Akoon's confession led to the arrest of Mohammed Abdul Aleem, from Dhaka.

The other eight arrested are Mohammed Abdul Aleem, Suhail Ahmed, Mohammed Idayath, Syed Mansoor, Ayesha alias Rabiya, Mohammed Ameen Sait, Rakesh and Isthiyak Pasha alias Medical Pasha. "Of the accused, Rakesh is a software engineer who had lost his job. He was creating fake letters of gazetted officers. Pasha, a pharmacist working as a temporary employee in a BBMP hospital, claims to have created fake negative Covid, vaccination reports and seals of government officers to get the documents," said a police officer.

Araga lauds police team

State Home Minister Araga Jnanendra has lauded the efforts of the Bengaluru Rural police and said that the issue of illegal immigrants has been taken seriously. "Police officers have been directed to initiate action against illegal immigrants. This racket has been busted within a few days of the arrest of a terrorist from Jammu and Kashmir in Bengaluru," he said.

EXPRESS READ

Rs 55K fine collected for defective number plates

Bengaluru : Transport department officials have checked 8,131 vehicles with defective number plates in six districts and collected Rs 55,700 as penalty between May 25 to June 7. The deadline to rectify defective number plates was June 10. A senior officer from RTO department told TNIE that a special drive was conducted in Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Mysuru, Shivamogga, Belagavi, and Kalaburagi. Meanwhile, the department has received only 15 complaints from the public on the WhatsApp which was launched for the public. The details have been forwarded to the RTO officials concerned to take action.

2 held on cow slaughtering charges

Bengaluru : The Hennur police claim to have arrested two men for allegedly stealing and slaughtering a cow and trying to sell the meat by transporting it in an auto. Around 5 am on Tuesday, the patrolling police found an auto plying without the headlights on. When the police asked the driver to stop, he started speeding. The police chased the auto and stopped it, and nabbed two of the three men in the vehicle. The police found the meat in the auto. The trio has been identified as Syed Barkath, Imran Pasha and Suhail, who escaped.

Chalukya Express gets hoax bomb threat call

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A HOAX call on bombs set to explode on Chalukya Express (Train No. 11022) from Tirunelveli to Dadar which passes via the Bengaluru Railway Division saw massive checks carried out in the train and screening of passengers on Saturday morning. Dog squad, anti-sabotage squad, Garuda Force, Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police were all pressed into action on Platform No. 1 of Yesvantpur railway station when the train stopped there.

According to railway sources, the call was received by the Southern Railway on Friday night. "Staff from there alerted the South Western Railway headquarters in Hubballi. As soon as the train entered Bengaluru Railway Division at Dharmapuri post midnight, checks began from our side. Security forces carried out checks on the train and enroute stations of Hosur, Banaswadi, Yesvantpur, Tumakuru, Tiptur and Arsikere," sources said, adding it turned out to be a hoax call.

Government of India

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Nation Resolves
To Empower 100% Youth
Through Schemes of New India

- National Education Policy, 2020
  - A paradigm shift towards competency based education
  - Recognizing and fostering the unique abilities of students
  - Equipping teachers with the latest technologies and teaching methodology
- 320 new Universities, 7 new IITs and 7 new IIMs in last eight years
- National Testing Agency (NTA) formed to conduct combined entrance examinations for admissions in higher educational institutions of the country
- Free training to 1.36 crore youth under PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana for better employment opportunities
- Number of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) increased by almost 46% to 14,740 in last eight years
- About 70,000 recognized start-ups in the country; Youth become job creators; Number of unicorns grows to 100
- More than 9,500 Atal Tinkering Labs giving wings to the innovation by youth
- Best ever performance by Indian sportspersons in Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics, 2020
- Promotion of sports culture in the country with important initiatives like Khelo India Centres, 'TOPS' scheme, scholarship scheme for talented sportspersons, establishment of country's first sports university

"The government is trying to give youth the right environment and right resources to increase their skills. This is the threshold of new dreams and new resolutions for India. In such a scenario, the strength of the youth of India will take India to new heights."

— Narendra Modi —

8 Years Seva, Sushasan Garib Kalyan

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A 20-year-old conman from Delhi who was posting advertisements on social media for sale of laptops was arrested for obtaining money through UPI from victims and sending empty boxes to them. The North East CEN police have identified the accused as R Aman Kumar. The interested buyers would call him following which the latter was collecting money for shipping and packing charges.

CONG, JDS FIGHTING OVER 'B' TEAM PROVES WE'RE 'A' TEAM: BOMMAI

Siddu has no soft corner for me, says Bommai; Confident of winning 4 seats in MLC polls

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Belagavi

WITH Congress and JDS accusing each other of being the B team of BJP, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said here on Saturday that this proves that BJP is the 'A' team in the state and both the opposition parties have accepted that fact.

Before holding a party meeting ahead of elections to the North West Graduates' and Teachers' constituency in Belagavi, Bommai said he is not worried about which party is the B team as BJP is poised to win the MLC elections comfortably. Congress has been claiming that it would register a landslide victory, but it is BJP which really has the brightest chance of winning, he said. There is solid unity among leaders in BJP which will play a key role in the poll, he added.

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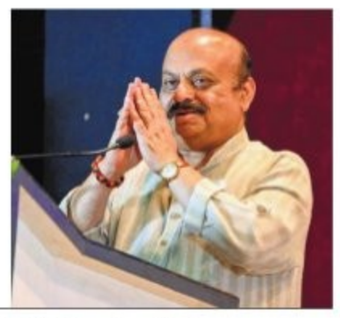
>
> Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister



CM Basavaraj Bommai addresses a convention in Belagavi on Saturday | EXPRESS

Reacting to a recent statement by senior JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy that Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah has a soft corner for Bommai, the chief minister said, "Given the language being used by Siddaramaiah against me, one can easily ascertain whether he has adopted a soft or hard stand against me."

Bommai said he will not intervene between the two leaders and nobody can finish off any political party, but it is the people who decide the fate of parties, he added.

On the Rajya Sabha elections, he said BJP has for the first time won all the three seats and it has boosted the numbers in the Upper House. Bommai said he is confident that BJP will win all the four seats in the MLC elections. "We are getting a good response in graduates' and teachers' constituencies. Arun Shahapur and Hanumanth Nirani are set to win by a huge margin," he said. On senior BJP leader Prabhakar Kore being sidelined by BJP, he said, "Kore is a senior party leader and has always stood by the party. He is not here at this event only because he had several other programmes to attend including the one where he received an honorary doctorate recently."

CROSS-VOTERS

Let HDK contest polls against me, dares JDS MLA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Tumakuru, Kolar

HUNDREDS of JDS workers laid seige to the house of Gubbi JDS MLA SR Srinivas on Saturday, demanding his resignation for allegedly voting for BJP candidate Lehar Singh Siroya in the Rajya Sabha polls.

As the MLA came out and faced the crowd, the police had to rescue him. Srinivas denied voting for the BJP candidate. "I am against BJP for a long time. If at all I had voted, it is for Congress," he said.

On allegations that he had covered Lehar Singh's name with his thumb to deceive party agent HD Revanna, he shot back, "I showed him my ballot for 3-4 minutes."

Launching a scathing attack on JDS senior leader **HD Kumaraswamy**, he accused the latter of sponsoring the protest in front of his house.

"If he is a man and has the guts, let him contest against me in the next polls. He is not at all a good man and I will expose him," he warned. He also alleged that Kumaraswamy is unfit to run the party.

JDS leaders can't question me, says Srinivas Gowda

Coming down heavily on former Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy, Kolar MLA K Srinivas Gowda said that JDS leaders have no right to speak about him as he has been expelled from the party seven months ago.

Gowda told media persons that it was true he had voted for the Congress candidate in the Rajya Sabha elections as he has been expelled from JDS, and therefore, the party leaders had no right to question him.

Calling Kumaraswamy a dictator, he alleged when the coalition government was formed in 2018, he was not made the minister purposely although he was senior to Kumaraswamy.

In 2018, Congress MLA Ramesh Kumar was one of the factors behind my victory, he said, however, JDS had no contribution, he added.

I have requested Congress to give me a ticket to contest from Kolar in the upcoming Assembly election, he said. If former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is ready to contest from Kolar, he said, he will be ready to support him.

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>
> SR Srinivas, Gubbi JDS MLA

CM: Stricter laws against acid attackers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hubballi

CONDEMNING Friday's acid attack on a woman in Bengaluru, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said here on Saturday that legal experts will be consulted to make the existing laws against acid attackers stringent, so that the noose on culprits could be tightened further.

Replying to a query on increasing acid attacks, he said, "It is unfortunate. We are mulling on further strengthening the existing laws in the coming days to deal with those who indulge in acid attacks."

On deaths due to contaminated water in Raichur, he said the government has taken the incident seriously and an investigation is already on.

Criminal cases will be registered against culprits if necessary. Already two officials have been suspended.

Water samples from all the wards are being tested and an investigation is on, Bommai added.

Bommai said that a high-level meeting has been held with the top brass of the police to take precautionary measures in the backdrop of violent incidents in New Delhi and Uttar Pradesh protesting against derogatory remarks on Prophet Mohammad,

"The situation is peaceful in the state at present. The police have been instructed to deploy forces in sensitive areas, and already, KSRP contingents are being sent. I have spoken to the police commissioner of Hubballi-Dharwad and the SP of Dharwad to take appropriate measures."

Police inspectors of all police stations have been instructed to interact with community leaders of their respective areas to maintain peace and harmony, Bommai said.

NOTICE TO SONIA

Congress to hold protest outside ED unit in B'luru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

AS part of its nationwide protest against the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for issuing notices to AICC president Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, Karnataka Congress members led by KPCC chief DK Shivakumar will stage a protest in front of the ED office at Shanthinagar in Bengaluru on Monday.

Shivakumar told media persons on Saturday said that Congress members have decided to protest outside the ED office in Delhi till Rahul Gandhi is inside. In Bengaluru, many more Congress leaders, MLAs and others will take part. "We have urged our Congress leaders and party workers across the state to come to Bengaluru on Sunday, so that large number of people can protest outside of ED office in Bengaluru. We will not enter ED office," he said.

Although the BJP has intentionally handed over the case to the ED, he said, "Our leaders are not afraid of this. Rahul Gandhi will be at ED office on Monday."

Regarding Rajya Sabha polls, he said they got 71 votes including that of the independent MLA's. "I also want to thank Srinivas Gowda for voting for Congress. None of our MLAs has voted for BJP candidates," he said.

About keeping a distance from the JDS, Shivakumar said the decision was taken by the party and we are committed to abide by it. We had support from other party's MLAs, he added, but we listened to our conscience.

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KPCC president DK Shivakumar addresses the media in Bengaluru on Saturday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

Siddu to hire agency to build image

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

AMPLIFYING the competition, Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah is reportedly hiring a poll strategy company ahead of the 2023 Assembly polls to bolster his brand image just like KPCC chief DK Shivakumar.

Shivakumar had hired Design Boxed firm in 2020. These agencies conduct surveys, do ground reporting for the political leader on the constituency that they want to contest from, design manifestos among other things.

The agency will look at every minute details from attire to speeches, and photography to social media.

Sources in Congress said that Siddaramiah is also hiring the agency, though they did not reveal the base of this firm. Siddaramiah who is also eying the CM's post in 2023 polls is making all efforts to woo voters and his party MLAs. Last week, he was at Tumkur to take part in the mega convention for Kuruba community and on Sunday, he will be taking part in the similar community convention organised for Bhovi community in Bengaluru. "He is also expected to attend similar conventions in coming days, reaching more people, as part of his strategy," sources said.

There are also plans for a big celebration for Siddaramiah who will be turning 75 in next few weeks. The three-day Siddaramotsava event will also highlight works done by Siddaramiah including Anna Bhagya and many more, to reach out to more people.

Meanwhile, KPCC is planning for a survey at constituency level to get a clear picture of their present status across the state. "Siddaramiah is also planning for another survey which will be done through the private firm," said sources. He has not started the process yet, once the MLC polls are done, it will work full-fledged.

EC notice to Horatti for 'misusing' state emblem

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Belagavi

A notice has been served on BJP candidate from West Teachers constituency of the Legislative Council election Basavaraj Horatti for using the state emblem of India in violation of the State Emblem of India (Prohibition of Improper Use) Act, 2005 and section 123 of the Representation of People's Act, 1951.

Cover page of the book Basavaraj Patha

Appropriate action will be taken against him once a he replies to the notice, said Regional Commissioner Amlan Aditya Biswas. Addressing a press conference at Jyoti College in Belagavi on Saturday, he said, "The notice has been served following a complaint received about misusing the state emblem of India and the chair of Council Chairman in the cover page of a book titled 'Basavaraj Patha' in Kannada published by State Intermediate School Employees Association."

Another complaint was received from Independent candidate Subhash Kote from Bagalkote about receiving a life threat over phone. An audio recording of the same has been sent to the Bagalkote SP to investigate, he said.

Apart from this, Biswas said, "Liquor worth Rs 34,88,166, sarees, caps, t-shirts and other freebies meant to be distributed among voters worth Rs 25,07,000, 15 two-wheelers worth Rs 5,27,000, two cars worth Rs 4,00,00, one jeep worth Rs 7,00,00, one mini lorry worth Rs 4,00,000, one mobile phone worth Rs 10,000 and 14.743 kg of marijuana worth Rs 1,50,167 were seized."

In all articles worth Rs 81,82,33 have been seized by the excise department in Belagavi, Vijayapura, Bagalkot, Dharwad, Gadag, Haveri and Uttara Kannada districts ahead of the council election, he said.

POLL MODE

Regional Commissioner Belagavi Division Amlan Aditya Biswas inspects arrangements for the Council election in Belagavi

Police failed to probe Godse signboard issue: Moily

Udupi: Former Union Minister Veerappa Moily said that Nathuram Godse's name on a signboard in Karkala is not a trivial issue and the police should consider it as a serious offence. Moily said the police have failed to do a proper investigation. Speaking about Yennehole lift irrigation project, he said without any proper studies, a dam was constructed in Yennehole, which will result in flooding. This dam should have been built in Pattibavu, he said, and added a district judge should probe where the additional money was spent. Regarding strengthening the Congress in the coastal districts, Moily said he would travel the coastal districts and meet party workers.

TAC allows 15K to take part in PM's yoga event

SHILPA P @ Bengaluru

THE Covid Technical Advisory committee (TAC) in the state has given permission for 15,000 people to take part in the International Yoga Day event in Mysuru which will be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 21.

The approval has been granted with the rider that Covid-appropriate behaviour (CAB) should be adhered to strictly, TAC sources said.

TAC has submitted its recommendations to the health and family welfare department. Based on that, the state government will soon issue an order on the standard operating procedures to be followed during the event, health department sources said.

Going by the Covid statistics of Mysuru and considering the number of cases in neighbouring cities and states, the decision was taken. Since the event will be held between 6 am and 7.45 am in an open area, it was felt that the risk is less, TAC sources said.

TAC has recommended the two-dose vaccination certificate and negative RTPCR report for participants to enter the venue. The participants are expected to maintain a distance of six feet length and three-and-a-half feet width. They should follow all Covid-appropriate behaviour, including sanitisation and wearing of N95 masks. Those with symptoms including fever will not be allowed to participate, they said.

Ahead of the PM visit to Mysuru Palace, officials from Delhi inspect the spot

SHORTS IN A TWIST

Chaddis from BJP, RSS to be redirected to PM

SHIVAKUMAR @Mysuru

WITH the BJP and RSS leaders sending used chaddis to the KPCC office protesting against Opposition leader Siddaramaiah's call to burn chaddis, alleging saffronisation of textbooks, the Karnataka Congress has in turn decided to send them to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Former Minister Priyank Kharge said the used chaddis will be redirected to the PM. Defending the act of NSUI activists burning khaki shorts in front of Education Minister BC Nagesh's house, he said that the party will fight it out legally for NSUI members.

A file picture of BJP workers carrying the chaddis

He challenged BJP to make chaddi collection an official programme from Bidar to Chamarajnagar and include prominent leader like CM Basavaraj Bommai and others instead of assigning the work to the party's SC Morcha members.

Why did the SC Morcha office bearers or MLAs not react in the same way against the diversion of Rs 7,000 crore of SC/ST grants, Rs 470 crore borewell scam, and zero utilization of funds from development corporations? he asked.

Kharge charged that the around 1 crore students are misled by saffronising the textbooks and hiding of facts, and clarified they are not against the textbook revision. Let the RSS bring out a book on why they did not hoist the national flag at the RSS office, he added.

Will name change be a game-changer for TRS?

Telangana map on party flag may be replaced with an Indian map

VV BALAKRISHNA @ Hyderabad

THE Telangana Rashtra Samiti's name will be changed in case TRS supremo and Chief **K Chandrasekhar Rao**'s plans to form a national party do materialise. In his relentless pursuit of Delhi dreams, Rao is understood to have more or less made up his mind to transform the TRS into a national party.

According to sources, around four names including Bharat Rashtra Samithi, Nava Bharat Party and Jai Bharat are under consideration for the proposed national party. "Once the national party is floated, the name of the TRS too will be changed," said a senior leader of TRS, who attended the meeting with the Chief Minister at Pragathi Bhavan on Friday.

"The name of TRS will be changed. But the party's flag and its pink colour will remain the same," the leader told TNSE on Saturday.

He however said that the election symbol — car — would remain the same. Once the TRS becomes a national party, it would approach the Election Commission of India (ECI) to allot the car symbol to the new party. The new party will strive to build a national alternative to the BJP-led NDA dispensation which Chandrasekhar Rao believes has failed to deliver.

But the Telangana map on the TRS flag may be replaced with an Indian map. Bharat Maata's photo may also be placed on the flag. This is to counter the BJP's nationalistic outlook.

The CM is contemplating to deal a pre-emptive blow to the BJP by announcing the national party ahead of saffron party's national executive meeting slated to be held in Hyderabad on July 2 and 3.

According to sources, the TRS chief will have further discussions on the national party idea with party leaders at the state executive meeting on June 19. "Rao is determined to float the national party. A clear picture will emerge by June-end," sources explained.

'NO ROCKET SCIENCE IN BUILDING, MAINTAINING GOOD ROADS'

SUNDAY INTERVIEW

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

VOICES are growing shriller against the poor road infrastructure in Bengaluru, even as the state government is wooing foreign investors to the city. A few days ago, Biocon chief Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw too criticise the apathetic attitude of the civic authorities and the state government over the upkeep of city's roads. Ashish Verma, Professor, Transportation Systems Engineering, Convenor, IISc Sustainable Transportation (IST) Lab, Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), in an exclusive interview highlights what can be done to achieve good roads in Bengaluru, saying it is not rocket science.

Roads are like the arteries and veins in the body. What needs to be done to ensure that roads are maintained well?

Good quality workmanship, quality road construction material, proper and systematic road construction practices, adequate and fast rainwater drainage from road surfaces are the fundamental aspects important to ensure well-maintained roads and their longevity. Besides, inter-agency coordination is key to ensuring that roads are not dug up freely and frequently. In the case of white-topped roads, it needs to be ensured that concrete is not broken soon after it was laid — for example, on Outer Ring Road where within months of white-topping, the concrete was broken for constructing the Metro rail line. Further, if rainwater drainage is not maintained well, even a road with good quality material and construction will develop potholes in no time. There needs to be adequate capacity rainwater drains on both sides of the road, and proper cross slopes on the roads. If water remains in longer contact with the road surface, the bitumen gets stripped off from stone aggregates thereby losing its binding property, resulting in loose stones and then leading to formation of potholes.

What are the problems that plague the roads in cities, towns and rural areas?

Urban roads are plagued by poor workmanship of contractors and labourers, poor road construction material, improper and unsystematic road construction practices, absence of adequate and fast rainwater drainage from road surface, and corruption prevalent in civic agencies. There is literally a circular economy being created, churning business for a few who benefit from frequent occurrence of potholes/bad roads. Besides these, overloading of vehicles, frequent digging of roads, and poor maintenance of vehicles are issues plaguing urban roads. These also result in higher wear and tear of the road surface.

In rural areas, too, overloading of heavy as well as light commercial and passenger vehicles is a factor causing deterioration of roads. Further, there is a need to upgrade the prescribed standards for rural roads. We should have all-weather roads connecting villages with good surface quality and motorable roads during all months and seasons of the year.

Can you explain the science behind maintaining roads to ensure that they remain in top condition?

There is no rocket science behind constructing and maintaining good roads. For black-top roads, politicians, bureaucrats,and civic agency officials (including technical officers) tend to blame or put complete onus on rain for the bad condition of black-topped roads in Indian cities, including Bengaluru. It is as if rains happen only in India and nowhere else in the world. Roads are maintained elsewhere on this planet despite rains and even snow in colder places. What is required is basic civil engineering practices, which is taught at UG (undergraduate) level to all civil engineers. That should be followed properly, along with good workmanship and focus on detailing and precision. The roads will then automatically remain in top condition. Also, indiscriminate conversion of black-topped to white-topped roads on the pretext of improving road surface quality and ensuring longevity will only add to problems that are already visible now. For example, concrete slabs have been put on the top of black-topped surface, thereby substantially raising the level of roads and resulting in more instances of flooding in adjoining areas during rain, and while doing so, no care is taken for constructive cross-utility ducts below the concrete surface.

How important is inter-departmental coordination while maintaining roads? How can that be ensured?

Inter-agency coordination is key to ensuring roads are not dug up at will frequently. This results in huge financial losses to the government — mainly loss of public money — and huge economic and social costs to the common people because of an increase in travel time, more road accident-related injuries and deaths, and more pollution, especially that of PM2.5 that leads to more exposure to fine dust particles and corresponding health impacts. A coordination agency like Department of Urban Land Transport with proper powers could be a way to ensure effective inter-agency coordination.

Is it possible to eliminate the menace of potholes on roads? How can that be done?

Considering the circular economy around potholes, some may not like to see roads in good condition. If all best practices are followed, a black-topped road should easily last for at least 5-10 years without requiring any major maintenance. A white-topped road should easily last for more than 10 years without any major maintenance requirements.

How can motorists play a better role in ensuring that roads remain in good condition?

While erratic breaking may have some role, it may not be substantial. Not resorting to overloading of vehicles (beyond set standards) and maintaining the road-worthiness of vehicles are things that motorists can contribute towards maintaining good roads.

Tusker featured in several wildlife documentaries

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AS per procedures laid down by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, the tusks of the jumbo were removed and sent to Mysuru depot for further examination. The carcass has been left for vultures to feed on in the same area where it was found dead which is in line with the forest department's tradition vis-a-vis wild animals found dead in the forests. Bhogeshwar's tusks, according to forest department officials, measures 2.58 metres and 2.35 metres.

Though they were crossed towards the end, they never hindered the tusker from eating, swimming or splashing around in the Kabini backwaters.

The tusker was named Bhogeshwar by the forest department staffers and tribals after he was frequently sighted near Bhogeshwar camp, where a temple and an anti-poaching camp is located. "Many tourists would be thrilled and satisfied on catching a glimpse of him, even if they were not able to sight a tiger in Kabini. The tusker has also featured in several wildlife documentaries and films made by the department and some private organisations," said a forest department official.

Officials said they are looking into record books to ascertain whether Bhogeshwar had the longest-ever tusks.

EXPRESS READ

Target me, not those around: Gold scam accused Swapna

KOCHI: "I still stand by my 164 statement that I gave to the court as I wanted the truth to come out in the case. Why do you hurt those around me. Hurt me alone. Please kill me so that the story will get over. I am not well. Give me a chance to live. This is not a coward's tears but a woman who is suffering," said an agitated Swapna Suresh, an accused in the gold smuggling case, who met mediapersons at the HRDS India office here on Saturday evening. Later, Swapna was seen shivering and bursting into tears. Subsequently, she swooned and fell down hit by a bout of fits. ENS

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S. No.	TS No. (For E-Tendering) Discom-EZ/RDSS	Name Of Work	Tender Value (Rs. in Lakhs) (Including GST)	Tender Fee (Rs.)	EMD (in Lakh)	Due date & time of opening of tender online from 15.00 Hrs. (*)
1	TS No. - EZ/CGM/RDSS/ CB/TS/PKG-01 E-Tender No.- E-TS-2022_ PKVVC_208793_1	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Capacitor Bank In MPPKVVCL, Jabalpur Company Area Under Revamped Reforms-Based And Results-Linked, Distribution Sector Scheme.	8444.67	25,000/- + 4500/- (GST)	168.89	07.07.2022

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that my client **S. GANESH,** S/o. M Sampath, R/at No.169, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, WOCRd, Manjunathnagar, Bangalore-560010, is an owner of the property mentioned below and has lost the original copies viz. Lease Cum Sale agreement Document No.3098/82-83, dated 04/11/1982, Accordingly, my client has lodged the police complaint through the lost article report No. 0242680 /2022 dated 10.06.2022. Finder of the aforesaid document may return the same to my client or to the undersigned below.

ANANDA D.B. Advocate
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **SMT.SUBHASHINI T.R** W/o. Sri. Bharath.T.R, #29, Srivijaya 10th main, 11th cross Maruthinagar, Malleshapalya Bangalore North, New Thippasandra Bangalore, Karnataka-560075 is intending purchasing Property bearing Municipal No.362/d, PID No.83-26-362/d, Old Site No.76, Old HASB Katha No.362, then changed as No.642/D/362/D, now bearing Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Katha No. 362/D, situated at **Kaggadasapura Dhakale, Malleshapalya, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** earlier Bangalore South Taluk, Site measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1200 square feet, and bounded on the **East by : Road, West by : Premises (Site) No.75, North by : Premises (Site) No.81, and South by : Premises (Site) No.63** from **SMT.ANITHA.A** D/o.Smt.M.Ajitha and Sri.K.Anirudha Panicker & Our Client **SRI. BHARATH T.R.** S/o. Sri. Vijayakumar.T.G : #29, Srivijaya 10th main, 11th cross Maruthinagar, Malleshapalya Bangalore North, New Thippasandra Bangalore, Karnataka-560075 is intending to Purchase property bearing Municipal No.166, PID No.83-48-166, Old House No.20, H.A.S.B Katha No.166, situated at 10th Main Road, 11th Cross, Malleshpalya, Kaggadasapura Dhakale, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently coming under the limits of BBMP, measuring East to West 40 feet North to South 30 feet and bounded on:- **East by : House No.5, West by : Road, North by : Road South by : House No.19** from **SRI.K.P.SASI** S/o.Krishna Panicker and his wife **SMT.E.S. SARASWATHI** any person/s objecting for said Purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-560 043. Contact : 9845846428

CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

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POSSESSION NOTICE UNDER RULE 8 (1)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited**, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13[12] read with Rules 9 of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002 issued demand notice calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column [B] below on dates specified in Column [C] to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column [D] below with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties mortgaged with the Company described in Column [E] herein below on the respective dates mentioned in Column [F] in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13[4] of the Act read with Rule 9 of the Rules made there under.The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in Column [E] below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of **M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited** for an amount mentioned in Column [D] along with interest and other charges.

Under section 13 [8] of the Securitisation Act, the borrowers can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstandingincluding all costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale.

Sl No	Name And Address of Borrower & Loan Account Number	Date of Demand notice	Outstanding Amount	Details of Property	Date of Possession
[A]	[B]	[C]	[D]	[E]	[F]
1	**1.Ramesh B Raju 2.Saraswathi . N 3.Rajeshwari.K.M:** All are at: No.9/33,1st Cross,MICO Layout, Ayyappa Garden, Adugodi, Bangalore South, Karnataka -560030.**4.M/s. Abhis Mart,** No.14, 2nd Cross, Shamanna Garden, Bannerghatta Road, Wilson Garden, Bangalore South, Karnataka -560030 **((Loan Account No. X0HEPEY00003194277)**	14-03-2022	**Rs. 51,41,269.33** as on 08-03-2022 and interest thereon	All that piece and parcel of Property bearing No.9, Old No.18, Situated at : 1st Cross, Pothalappa Garden Audugodi Post, Bangalore now presently comes under BBMP Limits, and bounded on: East by : Others Property West by : 25 Feet Road North by : Property No.8 South by : Property No.10 Measuring East to West (67+68)/2 feet & North to South : 20 Feet, along with building constructed hereon within the registration district of Bangalore and sub registration office.	09.06.2022

Date:12.06.2022, Place:Bangalore Sd/- Authorised Officer, M/s.Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

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(A Government of India Undertaking)

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(Erstwhile Syndicate Bank)
Nelamangala Branch, Paramanna Layout, No. 3385-3388, B.H. Road, Bangalore Rural Nelamangala, Karnataka-562123.
E-mail: cb10490@syndicatebank.com

E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assests and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provisio to Rule 8 (6) of Security Intrest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(2) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/ Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer **(details mentioned below)** will be sold on **"As is whereis", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **27.06.2002,** for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the Canara Bank. E-Auction arranged by service provided M/s. Canbank Computer Service Ltd **(www.bankeauctionwizard.com).** Details and full description of the immovable properties with known encumbrances, if any;
The details are as under:

Sl No.	1) Name and address of the Borrowers/Guarantor(s)	1) Secured Debt outstanding 2) Reserve price 3) Earnest Money Deposit(EMD) Amount	1) last Date of Deposit of EMD 2) EMD A/c Number 3) IFSC Code 4) BID Factor	1) Date of Auction 2) Time of Auction 3) Property Inspection Date & Timing
1	**1. Mr. Gajendra P,** S/o. Padmanab, Residing at Property No. 6, BBMP Khatha No. 1116/ 2/ 1/6, 2nd Cross Road, Muthuraya Swamy Layout, Doddabommasandra Village, Vidyaranyapura, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru-560097. **2. Mrs. Roopa,** W/o. Gajendra .P, Residing at Property No. 6, BBMP Khatha No. 1116/ 2 / 1/6, 2nd 2nd Cross Road, Muthuraya Swamy Layout, Doddabommasandra Village, Vidyaranyapura, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru-560097.	**1) Rs. 78,55,833.91/-** (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Three and Ninty One Paise only) **2) Rs. 27.72 Lakhs 3) Rs. 2.77 Lakhs**	**1) 24.06.2022 2) A/c. No. 7958295000001 3) CNRB0007958 4) 20,000/-**	**1) 27.06.2022 2) 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. 3) 20.06.2022 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.**
	Description of the immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No. 6 BBMP Khatha No. 1116/1/6, situated at Doddabommasandra Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East to West (20+29)/2 and North to South (20+17.5)/2, in all measuring 907.5 sq.ft and bounded on the: East by: Private Property, West by: Road, North by: Remaining Portion of same site measuring 21/2 * 29 ft. Reserved for water bore well and channel, South by: Site No. 5.			
2	**1. M/s. Sreepada Creations,** Prop: Vaidehi Rajashekar, No. 267, P2 4th Main, K.R. Wood, Yelachenahalli, Kanakapura Road, JP Nagar, 6th Phase, Bangalore-560078. **And also:** No. 28/3AB, 1st Floor, Chunchunghatta Cross, Kanakapura Main Road, Yelachenahalli, Bangalore-560078. **2. Mr. Rajashekar** S/o. Narayana Rao, No. 267, P2 4th Main, K.R. Wood, Yelachenahalli, Kanakapura Road, J.P. Nagar, 6th Phase, Bangalore-560078. **3. Mr. Thyagaraj K.S** S/o. Kuppuswamy P.D.No.192/a, 4th Cross 1st Main Road, Bangalore-560010.	**1) Rs. 1,54,96,142.93/-** (Rupees One Crore Fifty Six Lakhs Ninty Six Thousand One Hundred and Fourty Two only) **2) Rs. 65.34 Lakhs 3) Rs. 6.54 Lakhs**	**1) 24.06.2022 2) A/c. No. 7958295000001 3) CNRB0007958 4) 50,000/-**	**1) 27.06.2022 2) 10.30 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. 3) 20.06.2022 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.**
	Description of the immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Flat No. 205 with a built up area 2126 sq.ft with 336 sq.ft proportionate undivided right, title and interest in land constructed in properties bearing site No. 12, 13, 14, 24 and 25 fromed out Sy. No. 25/6, presently bearing Rajarajeshwarinagar CMC Khatha No. 267, situated at Yelachenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South, Flat Measuring 1845 sq.ft. with covered car parking in basement, open space 390 sq.ft and bounded on the: Property bounded on: East by: Site No: 11 and 26, West by: Site No. 14 and 23, North by: Proposed Road, South by: Proposed Road. Flat bounded on: East by: Open Terrace, West by: Remaining portion of flat, North by: Open space, South by: Passage.			

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the provided in **www.bankeauctionwizard.com** or For further details contact the Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, Nelamangala Branch, No. 3385/ 3388 Paramanna Layout, BH Road, Nelamangala, Bangalore Rural-562123. **Contact No:- 080-27723777 / 7204323263**, For Further details contact Canara Bank, **E-mail id: cb10490@canarabank.com** or the service provider M/s Antares Systems Ltd, Bangalore **(Contact No. 9686196756 / 080-4935200, E-mail: manohar.s@anterassysterms.com)**

Date: 10.06.2022 **Sd/-Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Canara Bank**

Kathak Kendra, New Delhi

National Institute of Kathak Dance
(Constituent Unit of Sangeet Natak Akademi
An Autonomous Organisation under the
Ministry of Culture , Govt. of India)
2, San Martin Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi – 110021

ADMISSION NOTICE

Academic Session 2022-2023

Applications are invited on the prescribed form for admission to the following Kathak Dance and Music training Courses offered by Kathak Kendra, New Delhi :-

S. No.	Name of Course	Duration	Age (as on 1 June , 2022)
A)	**KATHAK DANCE**		
	a) **Advance Course (Full time)**		
	1. **Diploma (Hons.)- 1st Year** (**Eligibility** : Successful completion of Diploma (Pass) Course from Kathak Kendra or equivalent training)	3 Year	18-23 years
	2. **Post Diploma Course – 1st Year** (**Eligibility** : Successful completion of Diploma (Hons.) Course fromKathak Kendra or equivalent training)	2 Years	20-26 year
	3. **Refresher Course** (**Eligibility** : Successful completion of Diploma (Hons.) Course/ Post Diploma Course from Kathak Kendra or equivalent training)	6 Month	Below 40 years
	4. Prepratory Phase (For Diploma Course only)	1 Year	18-23 years
B)	**MUSIC**		
	1. **Diploma Course (Tabla / Pakhawaj)- 1st Year** (Eligibility : Having Minimum one year training certificate in Tabla/ Pakhawaj)	5 Years	15-20 years
	2. **Special Course in Vocal Music -1st Year** (Eligibility: Basic Knowledge in Vocal Music)	3- Years	18-30 years

For further details please visit Kathak Kendra's website: www.kathakkendra.in.

Application forms may be downloaded from the website of Kathak Kendra- www.kathakkendra.in or applicant may be collected Form along with Prospectus from Kathak Kendra reception from 13th to 24th June, 2022, between 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Monday to Friday) on payment of Rs. 200/- (cash).

Application forms duly filled in may be submitted through Courier or E-mail at admission@kathakkendra.in at Kathak Kendra after payment of Rs.200/- by 28th June, 2022 through Online or Draft in favour of " Director Kathak Kendra". For more details refer to Kendra's website www.kathakkendra.in .

For any query please Contact us: 011-26874251/52/53/54 davp 09141/12/0002/2223

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public at large hereby informed that my client Smt. K. Neelaveni wife of R.Keshavan age: 62 years, R/at No.916, 7th Main Road, Parkasha Nagara, Bengaluru 560021 absolute owner of the Site bearing No. 4, carved in 69/2, Agrahara Dasarahalli, 4th Stage, West of Chord Road, Bengaluru, measuring East to West-50ft, North to South - 80ft, bounded on East By : Site No.5, West by: Site No.3, North by : 10th Main Road/80ft Road, South by: Site No.29, the site had been purchased from Karnataka Urban Housing Co-operative Society Ltd., Rajajinagara, Bengaluru-10, The Society had issued possession certificate, allotment letter and absolute sale deed registered as document bearing No.1873/1979-1980, Book No.1, Volume No. 325, Pages from 103 to 105, all these original documents were lost in transit and pertaining to the same a police complaint had been lodged in Rajajinagar Police Station, Bengaluru on 09.06.2022. The public/Third parties if found these documents, requested to return the same to the nearest police station or to the undersigned, the founders will be suitabally rewarded, it is informed that any person acting on the original documents without bringing to the knowledge of the owner, would be criminally liable for which our client will not indemnify such acts of the person acting on the original documents.

B.G. Chandramouli,
G.E. Narayana Gowda
Law Nexus, Advocates
No. 13B, 8th Main, 4th Block
Rajajinagar, Bengaluru - 560 010
Mobile : 9342829515, 9448068641

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my clients have decided/ intended to acquire/ purchase the under mentioned schedule property from its owner **SMT. USHA VISVANATH,** aged 85 years, W/o. of late. Sri. S. N. Visvanath, Residing at No. 17 "NAHOR" 2nd "A" Main, Yelahanka New Town "A" Sector, Bengaluru – 560064.

The Public is hereby informed that any person/s having any manner of right/s, claim/s, charge/s, objection/s, against/in respect of the under mentioned schedule property, may notify the undersigned ***within Fifteen (15) days*** from the date of publication of this notice along with documentary proof in support of the same, failing which my Clients shall proceed to purchase/acquire the schedule property and they will complete the transaction as if no valid claims are subsisting against the schedule property and further no claim/s shall be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Residential house Constructed on **Site No.17-HIG, Sector-A, I Stage, 2nd 'A' Main Road, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064, New Municipal Corporation Khatha No.17/909/17, BBMP Ward No.4, Yelahanka Satellite Town,** site measuring **East to West 90 feet and North to South 60 feet,** totally measuring about **5400 Square Feet,** together with existing R.C.C. Roofed Residential Building consisting of Ground Floor measuring 1460 Square Feet and First Floor measuring 250 Square Feet, totally measuring 1710 Square Feet of Built up Area and bounded on the:

East by : Road, **West by :** Site No.14
North by : Site No.18, **South by :** Site No.16

Sd/-

K.S. BHEEMAIAH, ***Advocate***
No.186/1, 2nd Floor, J C Complex Annexe
Sirur Park Road, Sheshadripuram,
Bangalore-560 020. Mobile: 98453 39307

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- II,
No. 4, 1st Floor, Jeevan Mangal, Residency Road, Bangalore-560025

O.A.No.200/2021

In The Matter of :
Union Bank of India
Mid Corporate Branch
Bengaluru ....**Applicant**
AND
Sri. I.P. Mallok Aradhya
S/o. Inahalli Puttappa & Others
....**Defendant**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDENTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF RDB ACT, 1993 (as amended)

To:
No. 7, HDFC Bank Limited
Richmond Road Branch,
Bengaluru-560025. ...**Defendant No. 7**

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 (as amended), against the Defendant No. 1 and 2 for a sum of **Rs. 86,90,13,847/-** (Rupees Eighty Six Crore Ninty Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Fourty Seven Only) as mentioned in the original Application together with current and future interest and for other reliefs.

The above mentioned Defendant/s is/ are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorised agent in support of his/their defense, within 30 days from date of the publication or on **07-07-2022** at 10.30 a.m. as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the Applicant will be heard and determind in your absence.

Given under my hand the seal of this Tribunal on this **24th day of May 2022.**

Sd/-
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II,
At Bangalore-560025.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(Works Branch) Tiruchchirappalli Division

E-TENDER NOTICE No. TPJ/06 of 2022 Dated: 08.06.2022

Divisional Railway Manager / Works Branch / Tiruchchirappalli Division, Tiruchchirappalli-1 for and on behalf of the President of India invites ONLINE tenders for the following works as per tender notice and Complete details are given in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in**.

Sl. No.	Tender No. & Name of Works
01	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-01**; Zone-A1 - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 in Permanent Way section / Villupuram; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **77.00;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **154000/-;** Completion period of work: 12 months
02	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-02**; Zone-A2 - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 in Permanent Way section / Vellore; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **52.00;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **104000/-;** Completion period of work: 12 months
03	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-03**; Zone-A3 - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 in Permanent Way section / A-Vriddhachalam; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **67.00;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **134000**; Completion period of work: 12 months
04	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-04**; Zone-A4 - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 in Permanent Way section / Tiruvannamalai; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **52.00;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **104000**; Completion period of work: 12 months
05	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-05**; Zone-A5 - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 in Permanent Way section / Ariyalur; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **52.00;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **104000;** Completion period of work: 12 months
06	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-06**; Zone-A6 - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 in Permanent Way section / Lalgudi; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **62.00;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **124000;** Completion period of work: 12 months
07	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-07**; Zone-A7 - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 all Bridge works in Senior Divisional Engineer/ North/Tiruchchirappalli Jurisdiction; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **51.00;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **102000;** Completion period of work: 12 months
08	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-08**; Zone-B1(A) - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 in Permanent Way section and Works section / Tiruchchirappalli (Kallukuzhi, TPGY, TP, Officers colonies and buildings in these area and way side station buildings and staff Qrs. of TP, TRB, TOM, SGM & AYN); Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **95.00;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **190000;** Completion period of work: 12 months
09	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-09**; Zone-B1(B) - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 in Works section / Tiruchchirappalli, ZRTI campus, KG, RPF training centre, RPSF battalion & Crawford colony; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **95.00;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **190000**; Completion period of work: 12 months
10	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-10**; Zone-B1(C) - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 in Works section / Tiruchchirappalli, Divisional office building, PRS, Kavery rest house, New rest house, Health unit / TPJ, stations buildings, Yard, circulating area, Front and rear of TPJ, BG coaching complex, running room etc; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **90.00;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **180000**; Completion period of work: 12 months
11	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-11**; Zone-B2(A) - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 in Work section / A & B / Ponmalai sections (GOC colony, roads, school buildings, GSD / GOC, Railway Hospital and watering arrangements at Sircarpalayam); Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **100.00;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **200000**; Completion period of work: 12 months
12	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-12**; Zone-B2(B) - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 in Works section / A & B / Ponmalai (Diesel Loco shed, DTTC Training Centre & Hostel Building, T&P and RCC depot); Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **40.00;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **80000**; Completion period of work: 12 months
13	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-13**; Zone-B3 - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 in Work section / A & B / Ponmalai (Inside Central Workshops area) in Tiruchchirappalli; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **145.00;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **222500**; Completion period of work: 12 months
14	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-14**; Zone-C1 - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 in Permanent Way Section / Cuddalore Port Junction; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **45.00;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **90000**; Completion period of work: 12 months
15	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-15**; Zone-C2 - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 in Permanent Way Section / Mayiladuturai; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **75.00;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **150000**; Completion period of work: 12 months
16	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-16**; Zone-C3 - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 in Permanent Way Section / Thanjavur; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **51.00;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **102000**; Completion period of work: 12 months
17	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-17**; Zone-C4 - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 in Permanent Way Section / B - Thiruvarur; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **40.00;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **80000**; Completion period of work: 12 months
18	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-18**; Zone-C5 - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 in Permanent Way Section / A - Thiruvarur; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **46.00;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **92000**; Completion period of work: 12 months
19	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-19**; Zone-C6 - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 in Permanent Way Section / Tiruturaipundi; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **40.00;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **80000**; Completion period of work: 12 months
20	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-20**; Zone-C7 - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 in Permanent Way Section / Pattukkottai; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **40.00;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **80000**; Completion period of work: 12 months
21	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-21**; Zone-C8 - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 in Permanent Way Section / Kumbakonam; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **51.00;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **102000**; Completion period of work: 12 months
22	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-22**; Zone-C9 - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 in Permanent Way Section / B-Vriddhachalam; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **20.00;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **40000**; Completion period of work: 12 months
23	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-23**; Zone-C10 - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2023 all Bridge works in Divisional Engineer / East / Tiruchchirappalli Jurisdiction; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **45.00;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **90000**; Completion period of work: 12 months
24	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-24**; Reconditioning of CMS crossings 36 Nos. in Senior Section Engineer / P.Way / Tiruchchirappalli Section; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **12.86;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **25700**; Completion period of work: 6 months
25	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-25**; Construction of New Running Room (balance works) with 18 beds capacity in Puducherry station and Construction of solid waste management plant for Villupuram and Puducherry stations; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **76.92;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **153800**; Completion period of work: 4 months
26	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-26**; Construction of IBS Hut building - 1 No. at Kattur station in Villupuram - Tiruchchirappalli chord line section; Approx. value of the work (in Lakhs): ₹ **16.16;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **32300**; Completion period of work: 4 months
27	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-27**; Destressing of LWR track in SSE/P.Way/ Ariyalur and Vellore sections; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **32.76;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **65500**; Completion period of work: 6 months
28	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-28**; Repairs to major bridges such as damaged PSC bridge bed block, abutment and bearing support concrete etc., in Senior Section Engineer / Bridges / North/ Tiruchchirappalli Section; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **58.44;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **116900**; Completion period of work: 4 months
29	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-29**; Strengthening of Leaching / Water droplets location with Polymer / Anticorrosive treatment in PSC "U" type girder Br.No: 272 (Down line) at Km 288/300-400 in Villupuram - Tiruchchirappalli chord line Section; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **4.13;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **8300**; Completion period of work: 2 months
30	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-30**; Making up of low cess at various locations from KM 169.800 to 175.900 in-between Arantangi and Karaikkudi stations in Senior Section Engineer/P.Way/ Pattukottai Section; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **46.45;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **92900**; Completion period of work: 6 months
31	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-31**; Construction of boundary wall at Nagappattinam and Nagore stations in Thanjavur-Karaikkal section; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **56.51;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **113000**; Completion period of work: 6 months
32	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-32**; Destressing of LWR track including ancillary work for welding between Nidamangalam Junction and Mannargudi station in Senior Section Engineer / P.Way/ Thanjavur Section; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **4.41;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **8800**; Completion period of work: 2 months
33	Tender No. **TPJ-06-2022-33**; Strengthening of Bridge approaches at various major bridges in Senior Section Engineer/PWay/Cuddalore Port Junction section; Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs): **24.16;** Amount of EMD: ₹ **48300**; Completion period of work: 4 months

Sl.No. 01 - 07: Tender closing date and time: **04.07.2022 at 15.00 Hrs.**
Sl.No. 08 - 13: Tender closing date and time: **05.07.2022 at 15.00 Hrs.**
Sl.No. 14 - 23: Tender closing date and time: **06.07.2022 at 15.00 Hrs.**
Sl.No. 24 - 33: Tender closing date and time: **11.07.2022 at 15.00 Hrs.**

Note: It is the responsibility of the tenderer to check any Corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in website, the same shall be taken into account while submittingTender.

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GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The pledges in specific and the public in general are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 25-06-2022 at 11:00 am We are auctioning the gold ornaments of the defaulted customers who have failed to make the payment of his/her loan amount despite being notified through various communication. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without further notice of changes in venue or date and the same shall be displayed at concerned branches without any further notice.

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In case we are unable to complete the auction at the branch on the notified date, the same will be conducted through Shriram Automall India Limited (SAMIL) on their online e- auction platform https://gold.samil.in on 27-06-2022 between 12.30 PM to 3.30 PM. Please note if the e- auction does not completed on 27-06-2022 the same will be re-auctioned on subsequent working days on the same terms and conditions.

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Date:12/06/2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

1. KNSS invite application from eligible, competent and resourceful contractors for undertaking the work of "Construction of KNSS Building at M.S. Nagar, Bangalore." The cost of work is around Rs.Two Crores.

2. Interested agencies/contractors should apply on the prescribed documents, which can be obtained from KNSS Office from 13th June 2022 on payment of Rs. 5000/- for the Tender form.

3. Last date of submission of completed Tender is 23rd June 2022.

Convener, Building Committee, KNSS

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POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **City Union Bank Ltd.,** having its Administrative Office at **No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001** and one of the branch offices at **No.58/1, 13th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleswaram, Karnataka** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2)&(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **02-02-2022** followed by Paper Publication dated **27-02-2022** calling upon the Borrowers **No.1) M/s. Innovative Paper Products, No.2, 4th Cross, Muthurayaswamy Layout, Srigandhada Kavale, Sunkadakatte, Bangalore - 560091. Also at, M/s. Innovative Paper Products, at 49/1-10, Industrial Sub-urb Opp., Behind Ullas Theatre, Yeswanthpur, Bangalore. No.2) Mr. Murugha Rajendra V Herur, S/o. Veeranna Herur, No.32/8, Raksha Paradise, SE3, Rajaji Nagar, Industrial Town, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore - 560070. No.3) Mr. Channabasappa Halagannavar, S/o. Shiva Basappa, No.25/3, Rathod Landmark, Flat No.302, 1st Stage, Industrial Sub-urb, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore - 560022. No.4) Mrs. K. Madhumathi, W/o. V. Murugha Rajendra, Herur, No.32/8, Raksha Paradise, SE3, Rajaji Nagar, Industrial Town, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore - 560070. No.5) Mrs. Pooja Chanabasappa, W/o. Channabasappa Halagannavar, No.25/3, Rathod Landmark, Flat No.302, 1st Stage, Industrial Sub-urb, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore - 560022. No.6) M/s. Onyx Advertising and Print Production, No.143/16, 4th Main, Industrial Town, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore - 560044** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.3,61,56,690/- (Rupees Three Crore Sixty One Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety only)** within 60 days from the date of the said notice with subsequent interest thereon from **17-01-2022** with monthly rests.

The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **08th day of June 2022.**

The borrowers above named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd., for an amount of **Rs.3,76,00,677/- (Rupees Three Crore Seventy Six Lakh Six Hundred and Seventy Seven only)** and interest thereon from **08-06-2022** till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Note : 1) That our **132 - Bengaluru - Malleswaram Branch** has also extended financial assistance (OLCC : 512020010015771) dated **05-01-2017** requested by No.**6** of you represented by Nos.**2 and 3** of you as Partners for which Nos.**2 and 3** of you stood as Co-obligants and Nos.**2 and 3** of you stood as Guarantors for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.1,00,00,000/-** at a ROI of **12%** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **17-12-2016** and the outstanding balance as on **07-06-2022** is **Rs.1,05,18,364/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **08-06-2022** till the date of realization.

2) That our **132 - Bengaluru - Malleswaram Branch** has also extended financial assistance (CUB OSL TERM EMI-BR : 501812080078531) dated **19-03-2021** requested by No.**6** of you represented by Nos.**2 and 3** of you as Partners, for which Nos.**2 and 3** of you stood as Co-obligants and Nos.**2, 3 and 6** of you stood as Guarantors for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.37,00,000/-** at a ROI of **9.5%** and the balance outstanding as on **07-06-2022** is **Rs.36,42,051/-.**

3) That our **132 - Bengaluru - Malleswaram Branch** has also extended financial assistance (CUB OSL TERM EMI-BR : 501812080078548) dated **19-03-2021** requested by No.**6** of you represented by Nos.**2 and 3** of you as Partner for which Nos.**2 and 3** of you stood as Co-obligants and Nos.**2 and 3** of you stood as guarantor for the facility for a total amount of **Rs.2,85,00,000/-** at a ROI of **9.5%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **19-08-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **07-06-2022** is **Rs.3,07,13,880/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **08-06-2022** till the date of realization.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - A

Property - 1 : (Property Owned by M/s. Onyx Advertising and Print Production)

All that piece and parcel of the Industrial Land and Building situated at Site No.143, PID No.21-91-16, Khatha No.16, situated at 4th Main, Industrial Town, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore measuring East to West : 65 Feet and North to South : 60 Feet - Total 3,900 Sq.Ft. Area and Building thereon, bounded on the : East by - Storm Water Drain, West by - 4th Main Road, North by - Site No.144, South by - Site No.142.

Movables Hypothecated to our Bank

Schedule - B

Carton Window Patching Machine, ML-1100 Die Cutting Machine, One set of WFD 100-1, Handbag Bottom Machine, Handbag Forming Machine, Noldsonal Table Hot Melt, Paper Bag Dispensing, TYMB100 Hot Stamping Machine, Thermal Plain Lamination Machine with Online Sheet Separator. HD-430 Paper Bag Making Machine, ITO 115FC Paper Cutter, KOMORIL540 Printing Machine, One Set of Rewinding Machine, Slitting Machine, Fully Automatic Swap, attaching MICFDM.

Place: Bangalore, Date: 08-06-2022 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287,
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RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.54,07,590/- (Rupees Fifty Four Lakh Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety only)** as on **12-02-2020** together with further interest to be charged from **13-02-2020** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) Mrs. C.A. Sowmya, W/o. Mr. C.P. Appaiah, No.197, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross Street, Near Saibaba Temple, Koramangala 7th Block, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560 095. Also at:- Mrs. C.A. Sowmya, W/o. Mr. C.P. Appaiah, Flat No.104, 1st Floor, Neha Sadan, Sy.No.11, Ward No.192, Singasandra, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South - 560 068. No.2) Mrs. T.M. Saraswathy, W/o. Mr. T.M. Monnaiah, No.197, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross Street, Near Saibaba Temple, Koramangala 7th Block, Bangalore South, Bangalore - 560 095.**

Note : 1) That our **512-R.T. Nagar-Bangalore Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR : 501812080049125) dated **01-03-2019** requested by No.1 of you for which No.2 of you stood as Co-obligant for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 3,20,000/-** at a ROI of **13.50%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **10-07-2019** and the outstanding balance as on **12-02-2020** is **Rs.3,59,934/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **13-02-2020** till the date of realization.

2) That our **512-R.T. Nagar- Bangalore Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR : 501812080053402) dated **29-06-2019** requested by No.1 of you for which No.2 of you stood as Co-obligant for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 2,51,000** at a ROI of **13.50%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **10-07-2019** and the outstanding balance as on **12-02-2020** is **Rs.2,75,420/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **13-02-2020** till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mrs. C.A. Sowmya, W/o. Mr. C.P. Appaiah)

Schedule - A:- All that piece and parcel of residentially converted vacant site bearing No.7, Old Khatha No.193, present Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike New Municipal No. 730/253/ 254/11/7, formed out of the Residentially converted Survey No.11, situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,192 Ward of BBMP, measuring East to West - 91.8 Feet, North to South - 103 Feet in all 9,455.4 Square Feet together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and Bounded on the:- East by - Private Property, West by - 30 Feet Road, North by - Private Property, South by - Krishnappa's Property.

Schedule - B:- Apartment bearing No.104 in First Floor in the building Neha Sadan to be constructed on Schedule - A Property measuring 1,250 Square Feet of super built-up area containing 2 Bed Rooms, Hall Dining and Kitchen, one covered car parking along with proportionate share in common area such as Passages, Lobbies, Staircase, Lift excluding Terrace, contained with the Residential Apartment known as Neha Sadan to be constructed on Schedule Property as per building Specification (Annexure - 1) Property is Bounded on its sides as under:- East - Corridor, West - 103 Flat, North - Open to Sky, South - Corridor.

Schedule - C:- 227 Square Feet of undivided share of right, title and interest in land of the Schedule - A Property.

Reserve Price : Rs.27,00,000/-
(Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
29-06-2022	**City Union Bank Limited, R.T. Nagar-Bengaluru Branch,** 590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560032. Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No. 9342855177.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Ltd., R.T. Nagar - Bangalore Branch, 590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560032. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No. 9342855177. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever- there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **02.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 10-06-2022 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287,
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POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **City Union Bank Ltd.,** having its **Administrative Office** at **No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001** and one of the Branch Offices at **590 HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Karnataka** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) & (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated **31-01-2022** followed by Paper Publication Dated **02-03-2022** calling upon the borrowers **No.1) Mr. A. Manjunath, S/o. Mr. Anjanappa, No.74/2, Ayyappa Block, Near Ayyappa Temple, Manorayanapalya, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560032. No.2) Mrs. Bhagya, W/o. Mr. A. Manjunath, No.74/2, Ayyappa Block, Near Ayyappa Temple, Manorayanapalya, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560032** to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being **Rs.25,46,529/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Forty Six Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Nine only)** within **60 days** from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from **27-01-2022** with monthly rests.

The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 08th day of June 2022.

The borrowers above named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount of **Rs.26,19,140/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Nineteen Thousand One Hundred and Forty only)** and interest thereon from **02-05-2022** till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - A

Property - 1 : (Property Owned by Mr. A. Manjunath, S/o. Mr. Anjanappa)

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property, New Municipal No.15, PID No.95-10-95, A.K. Colony, Sultanpalya, Bangalore, Ward No.95, BBMP Ward No.32 (earlier House No.26, Sultanpalya, Matadahalli Dakale, Kasaba Hobli, Corporation Division No.46, Bangalore). Measuring : East to West 20 feet and North to South 20 feet. Totally measuring 400 Sq.ft., together with Residential House Constructed thereon and is bounded on the:- East by - House belonging to Munihanumappa, West by - House belonging to Babuappa, North by - Road, South by - Road.

Place : Bangalore, Date : 08-06-2022 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287,
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SOUTH INDIAN Bank

CIN: L65191KL1929PLC001017

Regional Office: SIB Arcade, #61, Wheeler Road, Cox Town, Bangalore – 560 005. Tel./ Fax No: +91 80-25479091 / 92
E-mail: ro1010@sib.co.in.
Website: www.southindianbank.com

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the South Indian Bank Ltd, Branch Bangalore Christ University (Secured Creditor), the Symbolic Possession of which was taken on 29.10.2021 by the Authorised Officer of The South Indian Bank Limited, Regional Office Bangalore (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on **30.06.2022**, for recovery of a total amount of **Rs.11,55,53,306.90** being **Rs.5,77,15,863.74** as outstanding in the Overdraft limit and **Rs.5,78,37,443.16** as outstanding in the Term Loan (Project) Limit, both the amounts as on 09.06.2022 due to The South Indian Bank Limited, Branch Bangalore Christ University (Secured Creditor) from borrowers, **(1) M/s. Gag Associates**, a partnership firm represented by its partners **Sri. Gilbert Soman, Sri Gurupreet Singh Bali and Sri. Aradhana Kurup**: Orion Mall, No.201, 2nd Floor, 26/1, Rajkumar Road, Malleshwaram West P.O., Bangalore – 560 055. (Also at: No.2, AVS Compound, 1st Floor, 80 Feet Main Road, 4th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore – 560 034) **(2) Sri. Gilbert Soman, S/o. Paul Soman**, Partner – Gag Associates, No.49, 3rd Cross, Kaveri Layout, Thavarekere Road, Bangalore – 560 029 (Also at: No.750, 1st Floor, Flat No. 201, Mayfair Apartment, 18th Main, 6th Block, Koramangala,Bangalore – 560 095) (Also at: Total Environment Greensleeves, Apartment No.114, John Ave. Private Road, Off Manipal County Road, Aishwaraya Crestal Layout, Singasandra, Bangalore - 560068) **(3) Sri. Gurupreet Singh Bali, S/o. Parabjoth Singh Bali**, Partner – Gag Associates, No. 1 and 2, Bali House, 2nd Cross, Shaktinagar, Bangalore – 560 043. **(4) Smt. Aradhana Kurup, D/o. Achuthan Kurup**, Partner – Gag Associates, No.55, 1 D Main, 4th Cross, R R Layout, Nagadevanahalli, Bangalore – 560 056. (Also at: #102, Vars Ferndale Apartment, 1st Main Kodihalli Road, HAL 2nd Stage,Indiranagar, Bangalore-560008) (Also at: No.542-1, 3rd Main, 5A Cross, OMBR Layout, Banaswadi, Bangalore-560043) and Guarantor, **Sri Gilroy Soman, S/o. Paul Soman**, No.49, 3rd Cross, Kaveri Layout, Thavarekere Road, Bangalore – 560 029

The Reserve Price is **Rs.12,59,37,000.00** (Rupees Twelve Crore Fifty Nine Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand only) and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) will be **Rs.1,25,93,700.00** (Rupees One Crore Twenty Five Lakh Ninety Three Thousand and Seven Hundred only).

SECURED ASSET

All that commercial building admeasuring 16000 sq.ft.(approx.) comprising of Basement Floor, Ground Floor plus 4 upper floors and other usufructs and improvements thereon constructed on the following property:
(a) Site bearing New Municipal No. 11/1, PID No. 63-74-11/1 (Dr M H Marigowda Road, Chikkalakshmaiah Layout, Adugodi, Bangalore) measuring East to West: 15 feet, North to South: 60 feet, altogether adm. 900 sq.ft. formed out of erstwhile Sy. No. 67/1, Adugodi village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk , presently coming under the revenue jurisdiction of BBMP and bounded on the North: Chikkappana's land, East : Site No. 12, South : Hosur Road and West : Portion of Site No. 11 sold to Padmavathi;
(b) Site bearing New Municipal No. 12 /353 (Post amalgamation of Site Nos. 12 & 25), PID No. 63-74-12/353 (Dr M H Marigowda Road, Chikkalakshmaiah Layout, Adugodi, Bangalore) altogether measuring 3300 sq.ft. formed out of erstwhile Sy. No. 67/1, Adugodi village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently coming under the revenue jurisdiction of BBMP, consisting of :
(i) Old Site No.12, Municipal No. 12/12/353, measuring East to West : 30 feet and North to South : 60 feet, altogether measuring 1800 sq.ft. Chikkalakshmaiah Layout, formed out of erstwhile Sy. No. 67/1, Adugodi village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and bounded on the North : Site No.25, East : Site No.13, South : Hosur Road and West : Site No. 11;
(ii) Old Site No. 25, Municipal No. 25/31, measuring East to West : 30 feet, and North to South : 50 feet, altogether measuring 1500 sq.ft. in Chikkalakshmaiah Layout, formed out of erstwhile Sy. No. 67/1, Adugodi village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on the North : 6th Cross Road, East : Site No.24, South : Site No.12 and West Site No. 26. The above mentioned property is owned by Sri Gilbert Soman and Sri Gilroy Soman, equally, as per Will Deed No. 238/2014-15 dated 25.08.2014 of SRO Kuttanellur, Thrissur.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in South Indian Bank Ltd, (Secured Creditor) website i.e. **www. southindianbank.com**

Date : 10.06.2022 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **The South Indian Bank Ltd.**

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POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Properties)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **City Union Bank Ltd.,** having its **Administrative Office** at **No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001** and one of the Branch Offices at **No.349, Komarala Towers, OTC Road, Chickpet Main Road, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560053** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) & (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated **19-01-2022** followed by Paper Publication Dated **06-02-2022** calling upon the borrowers **No.1) M/s. Santhosh Traders, No.115/1, 4th Main Road, APMC Yard, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore - 560022. No.2) Mr. S. Rajesh, S/o. Sukhraj, No.4/2, GB Lane, Cottonpet Cross, Bangalore - 560053. No.3) Mr. H. Sukhraj, S/o. Hastimal, No.4/2, GB Lane, Cottonpet Cross, Bangalore - 560053. No.4) Mrs. Nirmala S. Rajesh, W/o. Rajesh, No.4/2, GB Lane, Cottonpet Cross, Bangalore - 560053** to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being **Rs.2,29,84,891/- (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Nine Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety One only)** within **60 days** from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from **07-01-2022** with monthly rests.

The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 09th day of June 2022.

The borrowers above named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount of **Rs.2,36,75,706/- (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Six Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Six only)** and interest thereon from **05-04-2022** till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Note : That our **054-Bengaluru-Sultanpet Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR : 501812080079836) dated **05-07-2021** requested by No.1 of you represented by Nos. 2 and 3 of you as Partner for which Nos.2 and 3 of you stood as Co-obligants for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 14,00,000/-** at a ROI of **13%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **03-11-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **04-04-2022** is **Rs. 15,54,427/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **05-04-2022** till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - A

Property - 1 : (Property Owned by Mr. H. Sukhraj, S/o. Hastimal)

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Middle Portion out of the Three Portions of whole Property bearing Municipal No.42, late No.54, Present Municipal No.42, late No.54, Present Municipal No.4/2, situated at Gejjebasetty Lane, Cottonpet, Bangalore, Measuring : East to West - 20 ft, North to South - 21.6 ft, in all measuring 432 sq.ft. and bounded on the : East by : Private Property, West by : Property of Shankar, North by : Road, South by : Private Property.

Property - 2 : (Property Owned by Mrs. Nirmala S. Rajesh, W/o. Rajesh)

All that piece and parcel of Southern Portion of the Property No.6/1, PID No.10-10-6/1, situated 2nd Cross, APMC Yard, Yeswanthpura, Bangalore, measuring : East to West : 30 ft, North to South : 27½ sq.ft. in all measuring 825 sq.ft. and bounded on the : East by : Link Road leading to APMC Yard, West by : APMC Retaining Wall, North by : Remaining Property of No.6, South by : Property belonging to APMC.

Place : Bangalore, Date : 09-06-2022 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public that my client Smt. R Rathnamma W/o Sri. T Krishna Murthy states that RECTIFICATION DEED dated 12-05-2005 executed by Sri. T Krishna Murthy in favor of Smt. R Rathnamma W/o Sri. T Krishna Murthy Vide KEN-1-05104/2005-06 stored C D No. KEND209 Registered at office of the Sub Registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore was lost. If any body get any information about the said document/in the possession of the same/having any claim/interest in the schedule property may write/contact to the undersigned within 15 days with documentary proof failing which my clients will treat the certified copy of the said document as original and objections received thereafter is not binding upon my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being Old Site No. 212 House List No. 783/33 Previous Katha No. 106 Situated at Gottigere Village, Weavers Colony, Utthrahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk Now comes under jurisdiction of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.
Measuring : **East to West :** 40 feet and **North to South :** 30 feet, In all measuring 1200 sq ft and Bounded on:
East by : Site No. 205, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No. 211, **South by :** Road.

POORNIMA .K.S, Advocate
2710, 6th Main, 2nd Stage, K.S. Layout,
Bangalore-560 078. Mb: 9886244736

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given on behalf of our client **Mr. Hothur Shadab Wahab** S/o Mr. H. Abdul Wahab, that the original Sale Deeddated 07/07/2011 registered as document No. MDP-1-02152/2011-12 in the office of Sub- registrar, Mahadevapura, Bangalore executed in favour of his father Mr. H Abdul Wahab for Apartment No. 2137, Prestige Shantiniketan and measuring 1418 Sq. Ft. of super built up area situated in Hoodi and Sadaramangala Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk has been lost/misplaced by our client Mr. Hothur Shadab Wahab which was in his custody; for which our client has registered an appropriate Lost Article complaint vide e-Lost Report No. 0235062/2022on 31st May 2022 with Karnataka State Police (Bangalore City unit).
If anyone finds these documents, please return it to the undersigned party. All the persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the above-mentioned missing documents without approval of our client. If anyone has already carried out any transaction or any transaction is in the process of being carried out using these missing documents, kindly inform the undersigned party in writing at the below mentioned address within **14 days** from the day of this paper publication after which no claim shall be entertained by our clients.

Sd/- Anupam Agarwal
RAMNIWAS SURAJMAL
(Advocates & Solicitors)
No. 506, 'A' Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road,
Bangalore-560 001.Phone No.: 9740645762
Email: anupam@rslegal.in
Bengaluru, Date : 12.06.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby informed that my client **Rajesh Kumar Darisipudi** Residing at No 50201, Nikoohomes Phase 1, Bhartiya city Hegdae Nagar, Bangalore- 560064 (Mobile.no 9880047620) intend to purchase the Vacant site described in the schedule from the owner of the site **Sri Vasudevan Ramachandraiah** S/o G.P. Ramachandraiah residing at no. 809, 8th cross, 12th main, Kamakshi Hospital Road, Kuvempu Nagar, Mysore - 570009, if any person/s having any manner of right title, interest or claim, decree, demands over the schedule property, they are hereby called upon to submit their objections along with the documentary proof to establish their claim either in person or through RPAD to the undersigned within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice, objections received thereafter will not be consider and also not binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

All that part and parcel of the vacant site bearing old khatha no. 360 New Khatha no. 360/ 362/93/7/110 formed out of Survey no. 93/7 Converted for residential purpose vide official memorandum bearing no. BDS. ALN. SR.SA 203/2001-2 dated 10-12-2001 issued by the special Commissioner Bangalore and certificate No.ALN.SR. 169/2001--02 dated 6.11. 2001 by the Thasildar Bangalore South Taluk, situated at **Thanisandra Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore,** the site measuring East to west 60 feet North to South 40 feet ad measuring 2400 sqft. and bounded on :
East by: Road, West by : Private Property. North by: Site No.111, South by: Site No. 109.

K.V. Jayaram, B.Sc.,LL.B. Advocate,
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email : kvjayaramadvocate@gmail.com
M : 9845680656
Place : Devanahalli Date : 12-06-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public that the present owner of the schedule property Mr.Mukaram Ali and Mrs. Shameem Fathima have lost the GPA dated 23-08-2002 executed by Mrs. Mona Amirthraj in favour of Mrs. Mary Amirthraj. Now the present Owner is planning to sell the schedule property. If any person coming across the above original title deeds shall immediately handover the same to the Undersigned. If Any person, who has / have claim on the said property, may lodge such claim with the undersigned **within 7 days** from the date of this notice. If no such claim(s) or objections received within the stipulated time, the undersigned will issue certi cate of clearance that, there is no objections or claim(s) on the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Municipal No.6/1(Old No.50), situated at 5th Cross Road, Vinayakanagar, Bengaluru formerly called as Old Guddadahalli village, Kempapura Agrahara, Mysore Road,Bengaluru, Presently under BBMP Limits, Ward No.135, measuring East to West: 29.5 feet (formerly 30 feet)and North to South: 60 feet, with building thereon and **bounded by: East by:** B Krishnappa's Property, **West by :** Imran. R Shariff's Property, namely Kinto Convent, **North by:** Conservancy Lane, **South by :** 25 feet Main Road.

Sd/- Ravi M.B, Advocate
#69, 8th Main, S.K.Layout,
Jnanajyothinagar, Bangalore-560056.
Mob No. 903607406

IN THE COURT OF THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER NORTH SUB-DIVISION AT BANGALORE R.A.(B.E) No. 164/2022

BETWEEN:
Smt. Gowramma & others, ... Appellants
:: AND ::
The Thasildhar & others ... Respondents

To respondent No. 2
Sri. Vasanathraju, S/o Not known, Major in age, R/at Amani Byrathikhane Village, K R Puram Hobili, Bengaluru East Taluk,

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the appellant has prefer this appeal to direct the Thasildhar to delete the unwanted names of **Basappa** Son of Dyavanna to an extent of 0-20 guntas and **Vasantharaju** to an extent of 1-00 acre (respondent No.2) in column No. 9 and 12(2) of the RTC and also to mention the extent of 1-20 guntas instead of 1-21 guntas in column No. 3 of the RTC and further direct the Thasildhar to remove the name of the **Challakre Ramaiah** and mention the joint names of the appellants to an extent of 0-20 guntas in respect of Sy No. 6/1 (Old Sy No. 6) is situtated at Amani Byrathikhane Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk,. The Hon'ble Court was pleased to fixed case hearing date on **30-06-2022** at about 3.00 pm, and you are hereby directed to appear on that day before the Hon'ble authority personally or through your Advocate failing which the matter will be as determined ex-parte in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court On: **10-6-2022.**

By the order of the Court
Sd/- Assistant Commissioner
North Sub Division, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Appellant:
B.N. Muniraju
Place: Bengaluru Date: 09-06-2022

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to General Public that my clients Smt. Manglamma W/o. Sri. Nagaraju, and Sri. Nagaraju S/o. Sri. Lakshmana Shetty presently residing at Bangalore, have lost the original Sale deed dated 17/04/2006, executed in their favour by Government of Karnataka, registered as document no. BLN-1-03352-2006-07, in Book I, stored in CD no. BLND254, on 18/04/2006, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk, related to schedule property mentioned below and the same is not traceable. If found inform to Smt. B.Mallika, Advocate, whose address is mentioned as below, within eight days from the date of publication.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing khatha no. 718/199, formed out of Sy. No. 199, situated at, Ullalu Village, Yeshwanthpur-2 Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, site measuring East to West: 30 ft and North to South: 38 ft in all measuring 1140 Sq., ft, and bounded on the :
East by : Road;
West by : Property belonging to Sri. Shivashankar;
North by : Property belonging to Sri. Prakash;
South by : Property belonging to Sri. Paramesh.

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Bangalore- 560 096.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **SRI. RAJAN KONDAPPAN** S/o. Sri. Kondappan V.V # A906 Glacier, Brigade Gardenia, RBI Layout J.P Nagar 7th Phase, Bangalore South, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560078 is intending to purchase the Scheduled Property from **SMT. SHOBA JAYADEVA** W/o.Sri. K.Jayadeva, Ashok Nagar, Mandya, Mandya District. Any person/s objecting for said Purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residentially developed Site bearing **Site No.228,** Katha No.1296/1/228, PID No.150200300100302194, Carved out of Converted Sy. No.37(converted vide B.Dis./ALN S.R(S)544/2003-04, DATED 20.05.2004) measuring East to West 27.43 Meters and North to South 18.29 Meters, in all measuring 501.69 Square Meters, formed in a Residential layout project called 'Gokul Garden', approved by the DTCP Vide No.46/2008-09, dated 29.05.2009, situated at **Kaggalipura Village, Uttharahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, &** bounded on the:-
East by : Road, West by : Site No.219, North by : Site No.229, South by : Site No.227.

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
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National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research, Goa an autonomous research organization of Ministry of Earth Sciences proposes to launch the 12th expedition in the ice free areas of the Indian sector of Southern Ocean. The SO research programme is mainly focusing on the "Role and response of Southern Ocean to the regional and global climate variability". Duration of the expedition will be ~60days. Launching of the expedition shall be in January 2023. Scientists/Research Fellows/Students from Scientific Organizations/Universities interested in participating may send the project proposal within the scope of Southern Ocean Research plan (please visit www.ncpor.res.in or contact 0832 2525513 for details) before *10th July2022* in the prescribed format given in the website to Dr. N. Anilkumar, Group Director, Ocean Science Group, National Centre for Polar& Ocean Research [NCPOR], Headland Sada, Vasco-Da-Gama, Goa 403 804 at anil@ncpor.res.in; anilncaor@gmail.com with a copy to The Director, NCPOR at director@ncpor.res.in.

विज्ञापन सं:NCPOR/08/2022 For & on behalf of NCPOR

STATE BANK OF INDIA

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APPENDIX – IV A
[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(EXCLUDING MOVABLE ASSETS, IF ANY, LYING IN THE PREMISES)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets (excluding movable assets, if any, lying thereon) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9(1)of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property/ies mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India being the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **28.06.2022** for recovery of **Rs.1,33,79,052/-** (Rupees One Crore Thirty Three Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Fifty Two only) as on **08.06.2022** with future interest and costs due to the State Bank of India, Retail Assets Central Processing Centre (RACPC)– II, Koramangala, Bengaluru, from **1) Sri. Anand Reddy C., 2) Smt. Pratima Anand Reddy, 3) M/s Aswani Properties.** The reserve price, earnest money deposit bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit amount	Bid increment	Time & Date of Auction	Last day for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
1.	Rs.1,85,84,000/-	Rs.18,59,000/-	Rs.50,000/-	3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. on 28.06.2022	24.06.2022 up to 4.00 p.m

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Tender No. SBI-21377/SVR/2022-23/04

Absolute Sale Deed No. SHR-1-01317-2012-13 dt. 28.09.2012 at SRO Shanthinagar, Bangalore.

SCHEDULE : DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the property consisting of 4 BHK Duplex House bearing No. 82, BBMP Khata No. 2233/4601/82, site measuring 2400 sft and built up area 2700 sq ft, carved out of Sy Nos. 104/5, 104/7, & 105 of Gottigere Village, 5th Cross, Royal Hermitage Layout, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South bounded on: East by : Property No. 75, West by :Road, North by : Property No. 83, South by : Property No. 81

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,2002.
For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, RACPC -II, Koramangala during office hours, Phone No. 080-25943765/ 25943803 or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, **Sri Vari Business Consultants India Pvt Ltd., Bangalore Representative: Sri. Rahman, Cell No.98802 91230/ Sri. Mohan Kumar, Cell No. 9916804586.**
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in www.sbi.co.in and MSTCE website www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/ index.jsp.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 10.06.2022

Sd/- Authorized Officer
SBI, RACPC -II,
Koramangala, Bengaluru.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH, BENGALURU

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Appendix – IV-A
[See Proviso to rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/Mortgager that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is"**, **"As is what is"**, and **"Whatever there is"** basis on **30.06.2022** for recovery of **Rs.57,92,497/-** (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakh Ninety TwoThousand Four Hundred Ninety Seven Only) as on 09.06.2022. You are also liable to pay future interest from 10.06.2022 at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc., due to the Bank, the Secured Creditor from **Sri. Nagarajan J Udupa** S/o Sri. S Jeyaraman & **Smt. Vijaya Achutan** w/o Sri. Nagarajan J Udupa.
The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit and Bid Increment Amount will be as under:

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount
1.	Rs. 55,00,000/-	Rs. 5,50,000/-	Rs.25,000/-

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI/SARB/2022-23/768

Names of the title deed holders: Sri. Nagarajan J Udupa S/o Sri. S Jeyaraman & **Smt. Vijaya Achutan** w/o Sri. Nagarajan J Udupa.

SCHEDULE 'A' : ITEM NO 1: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Survey Nos 78/1, 78/2, 43/1, 43/2 in all measuring 8 Acres 28 guntas of Puttenahalli village, Yelahanka Hobli Bangalore North Taluk Bangalore and bounded on East by Kenchenahalli village boundary, west by property bearing Survey Nos.79/1 & 79/2 belonging to R S Vijay, North by Central Reserve police boundary/line and on South by PWD Road leading to Kenchenahalli village.

ITEM NO 2: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Survey Nos. 79/1 and 79/2 in all measuring 4 Acres and 26 guntas of land of Puttenahalli village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Bangalore and bounded on East by property bearing survey Nos. 78/1 and 78/2, West by Road, North by Central Reserve police Boundary and on the South by PWD Road leading to Kenchenahalli village and Ali estate.

SCHEDULE "B" : 346.524 sq. ft. of Undivided share; right and interest of the property more fully described in SCHEDULE A above.

SCHEDULE "C" : A Three bed room Apartment No 107, bearing Municipal No 306 to 309/282-285, in First Floor of BLOCK XII(B) known as MONTANA, in HERITAGE ESTATE constructed on Schedule "A" of property with a super built up area of 1340 sq. ft. together with all common areas attributable thereto with open car parking space. The Apartment is constructed with bricks and cement, RCC roof, flush doors and steel windows, vitrified flooring standing jointly in the names of Sri.Nagarajan J Udupa S/o S.Jeyaraman and Smt.Vijaya Achutan W/o Sri.Nagarajan J Udupa. The property is situated within the jurisdiction of Town Municipality of Yelahanka.

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,2002.
For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer, **State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch,** No.11/90, 3rd Floor, Near Old Shivaji Theatre, J C Road, Bengaluru - 560 002 during office hours, **Phone No. 080- 25943678, 25943663** or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, Sri Devi Resolutions Pvt Ltd, Bangalore Representative: **Sri. Chayapathy, Cell No.9901902500,**
To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https:// www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.

Date:10.06.2022
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

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Paulo Coelho
Author

BRACE FOR IMPACT: RBI, CENTRAL BANKS FLYING BLIND

EVERYTHING that should be up is down and everything that should be down is going up.

The sentiment effectively sums up the state of the global economy. It depicts the red alert flashing across financial markets. It captures the mood of consumers and savers. It also brings into stark focus the question of the credibility of monetary policy emanating from central banks on Mint Street in Mumbai or Liberty Street in New York.

The flow of high-frequency indicators riveted with references of record highs and new lows is triggering tremors in living rooms. On Friday consumer price inflation for the month of May recorded a 40-year high demolishing the thesis that inflation had peaked. On Thursday the European Central Bank announced its decision to raise interest rates in the Euro-zone — a first in the Euro-zone infamous for negative interest rates. On Wednesday the Reserve Bank of India raised its estimate for inflation and lowered its forecast of growth.

THE THIRD EYE

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Predictably rising costs are impacting consumption and investment and therefore projections of growth. Multilateral institutions are racing to correct their estimations of what global GDP growth would be. On Tuesday the World Bank trimmed its 2022 forecast for global growth to 2.9 per cent from 4.1 per cent predicted in January. On Thursday the 38-nation Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development trimmed its growth forecast to 3 per cent from 4.5 per cent it had predicted in December 2021. The IMF which has already trimmed its growth forecast to 3.6 per cent has warned of yet another cut.

Inflation, the nine-letter phantom, is haunting economies across the world. The pandemic saw countries subscribe to Keynesian stimulus pouring trillions into the economies. Violation of the principles of money presented in 1910 by Irving Fisher has consequences. Countries which adopted Keynesian policies ironically are now faced with the challenge posed by Paul Samuelson. Stagflation – stagnation with inflation – a 1970 coinage of British Conservative politico Iain Macleod is at the door. Worse, the dreaded R word, recession, is hovering on the horizon.

Almost every country in the world has raised interest rates. Globally yields on government bonds have spiked to new highs — yields on the US 10-year treasury have spiked from around 1.6 per cent to over 3 per cent in five months and that in India from 6.4 per cent to 7.5 per cent. Predictably stock indices have plunged — in the US the S&P 500 has plunged from 4,766 to 3,900 since January. This aggravated the flight to safety of portfolio flows from emerging economies — in India the Nifty 50 has slid from 17,600 levels to 16,200. The rise in interest rates though has not detained the rise of commodity prices — the Bloomberg commodities index is up nearly 40 per cent and the benchmark Brent crude has stayed above the $100 per barrel mark since March.

Yes, Keynesian stimulus was necessary to protect economies. Where central banks failed is in flagging the risks posed by both the quantum and the duration of the stimulus programmes. It is true that not all of the inflation is caused by excesses which flowed following the pandemic. Some of it came via China's Zero Covid policy. Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the sanctions worsened with rising food and fuel prices. That said it is not just food and energy prices which are fuelling inflation and this is manifest in the data.

There is circumstance and then there is the fact that central banks have been sanguine and clearly behind the curve. The US Federal Reserve has been roundly criticised and its credibility questioned repeatedly. In India the RBI, as this column has pointed out, was out of sync with not just the curve in the domestic economy but also what was emerging across the world. It has had to recast its inflation estimates for 2022-23 thrice — from 4.5 per cent to 5.7 per cent to 6.7 percent.

It is a fact that central banks have to work with backward looking data to construct forward looking policies. What is worrisome is the subscription of wishful thinking as strategy — the assumption of crude oil prices at $105 per barrel by the RBI is one instance. Sure the end of the war in Ukraine may theoretically, ceteris paribus, bring down prices. But it is also a reality that the emergence of China post the Zero Covid policy will ramp up demand.

It has been argued that much of this falls in the domain of "unprecedented". There is no denying uncertainty but uncertainty is the base case scenario for monetary policy. The spectre of simultaneous supply side and demand side shocks is unravelling — beyond interest rate risk is liquidity risk and credit risk. Rising cost of capital will impair investment and shrinking trade affect currencies. The shock to equity and real estate markets has implications for the real economy — just as the phenomenon of rising wealth effect catalysed consumption loss of wealth can and will hurt demand.

The perception gaining ground, thanks to reactive responses in fits and starts followed by ifs and buts justifications, is that central banks are flying blind. As the thought process evolves for policy to be re-shaped one can only hope for the best. And yes, brace for impact!

NOW IS THE TIME TO SAY GOODBYE

POINT OF VIEW

T J S GEORGE

ALL good things must come to an end. This column started appearing as an *Express* feature in 1997. It has been going on without a break for a quarter century. That is a long run, a real long run. A year's 52 weeks multiplied by 25 means that a jaw-dropping 1,300 installments of the column have appeared under the 'Point of View' title.

There were of course problems along the way. But they did not affect the flow. The call of duty always won. For those whose profession is writing, deadlines are deadlines. You ignore them at your peril. And peril is never an option for journalists who live on the goodwill of their readers.

I lived in Hong Kong for a while and there I had come across a Chinese-language daily called *The Hong Kong Economic Journal*. Lam Shan-muk was writing a column in the *Journal* for nearly 50 years without a break. Fifty years! But then, Lam was the founder of the *Journal*. It was his life. He wrote in every issue. There was no *HKE Journal* without Lam, and there was no Lam without the *Journal*.

Every columnist is not a Lam with his own *Journal*. Nor does every newspaper writer have to face the kind of restrictions Varavara Rao is facing. His publishers have removed words like Hindutva and Sangh Parivar and 'Saffronisation' from the book *Varavara Rao: A Revolutionary Poet*. (Imprisoned for long, Rao is currently out on medical bail.)

I have had a good run as a columnist, primarily due to the wide interests of *Express* readers, and the tradition of the *Express* to rise to its readers' expectations. A selection of these columns was published in book form in 2003 under the title *The First Refuge of Scoundrels*, a play on Samuel Johnson's classic assertion that "patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel". A blurb on the back cover said that the book was a candid look at why "corruption is beautiful, elections are for fixing, religion is for exploiting".

Some of us feel that we should not criticise our own country. Some feel exactly the other way — that a big country like ours needs to be cautioned all the way about pitfalls. All arguments have their own supporters and their own critics, their own validities and their own drawbacks. But there is something not right if a country and its rulers start feeling that they should not be criticised at all — and especially by newspaperwallahs.

Fortunately we have not reached the stage where criticism is considered anti-national. But sometimes we seem pretty close to that. Consider Home Minister Amit Shah's thesis that India has seen a cultural revival since 2014 when Shri Modi took the top post. 'Culture' is a concept that can be seen and

Prime Ministers may come and go, home ministers may say this and that, but the essence of India will go on, unaffected by the manipulations of power-seekers. Ours is a truly great country

interpreted in any number of ways to suit the 'culture' of the individual who is interpreting it. So the cultural revival Shah talks about is the culture that he accepts as culture. Is that the same culture that Rahul Gandhi or Mamata Banerjee or M K Stalin, indeed the people in general, will recognise as culture?

India is a big country. There is no one-sided culture even a strong Home Minister can impose on the north and the east and the west and the south of India. The inability to understand this truth about India — the inability to understand that the cultural diversity of India is its strength — is the reason why men like Amit Shah, will never find all-India acceptance. They can make people afraid of them, but they cannot make people see them as leaders the country can benefit from.

If anything is sure in this life, it is that India will go on being India with the richness of its heterogeneity. Prime Ministers may come and go, home ministers may say this and that, but the essence of India will go on, unaffected by the manipulations of power-seekers. Ours is a truly great culture. We will remain great irrespective of small men who think that power will hide their smallness.

For me as a journalist, it was a proud achievement to keep a discourse going with discerning citizens of our great country. After a quarter century, it's time for a pause. It's time to sit back and let others carry on. I must of course keep writing, but not according to a fixed schedule – fixed days and fixed spaces. The fight must go on.

Shubham...

FAME-CRAZY MOTORMOUTHS JEOPARDISE HINDUTVA AGENDA

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AN arrogance borne along on ambition and an ignorance that's nothing short of incendiary — when married together, they bring only agony and ignominy. The unwarranted and unwise obloquies against Prophet Mohammed by the BJP's rookie TV marshals Nupur Sharma and Navin Jindal have only served to put their party on the backfoot. These two spokespersons have embarrassed their government by exposing its flanks to fury from Islamic nations like never before. Over a dozen Islamic countries, with many of whom Prime Minister Narendra Modi had established excellent relations, issued strongly worded statements. It was left to the Ministry of External Affairs to disown the comments made by the party's foot-in-the-mouth footsoldiers. The MEA's response, meant to be an apology on India's behalf, was near-stenographic though — it called the slandering spokespersons "fringe elements". A diplomatically correct stance, perhaps, but a touch unconvincing, ideologically inconsistent, and riddled with all the signs of political panic. It did nothing to curb the world from reading the incident as a sign of growing Islamophobia in India, nor could it stanch massive Muslim protests and vandalism across the country. Nupur and Navin, in their misguided and context-ignorant zeal, have plainly endangered national security. Already, Islamist terrorists have threatened suicide attacks in India. A concerted project of vengeance has been activated — at least verbally — by those who never spoke for eight years.

Spokespersons greedy for a national face have brought us to this, not only causing the party to lose face but putting ordinary Indians in danger. These garrulous gunslingers have become cause celebres of communalism because of excessive exposure on media — which has no sense of long-term damage — as also disproportionate official patronage. With very little experience in politics and governance, these loudmouths were allowed to speak on any subject: from potatoes to politics. Instead of projecting their government's towering track record, they behaved like hoary Hindu hoplites whose only raison d'etre was to convert every debate into an opportunity for minority-bashing. Nupur Sharma, 37, is just a former ABVP activist whose sole claim to fame — besides raising decibel levels on unwatchable TV debates — is fighting the Delhi Assembly elections against Arvind Kejriwal in 2015 and losing. A post-graduate in law from the London School of Economics and a former president of the Delhi University Students Union, she was suddenly catapulted onstage as a national spokesperson in 2015, along with other new faces with communication skills. She is a party loyalist and otherwise articulate. Yet she was made to believe her future career in politics depended on her ability to hyperventilate against the minorities rather than put forward persuasive arguments about Prime Minister Modi's achievements.

Nupur defines the new class of political motormouths whose mandate is to coarsely confront, not decorously debate with their adversaries on television. A selection of BJP's image-makers survive and flourish through rhetoric instead of any understanding of ideology, governance, economics, international relations or religion. All political parties, including the BJP, have drafted in their spinmeisters from the fringe of their organisations — but they end up being macabre megaphones lacking logic or reason. Their only qualification is that they must make a good television story aided by TRP-driven anchors who have replaced news with nonsense. Since most senior party leaders, ministers and chief ministers rarely appear on TV debates, media organisations are left with no option but to invite talking heads who can keep prime time a toxic, entertaining extravaganza of verbal fights and posturing.

Sadly, this electronic media-led narrative is setting the national agenda. The current Prophet controversy arose from a debate where Nupur, an amateurish party pointsperson, either got emotionally provoked or charged by her political ambition. She isn't alone in turning news television into a battleground for communal, caste and community duels. Almost all the BJP's on-screen champions are psychologically programmed to convert every debate into a slander fest, either against a personality or a religion. Of the party's 24-odd spokespersons, only four are MPs and three are former Union Ministers, like Rajyavardhan Rathore, Rajiv Pratap Rudy and Shanhnawaz Hussain. The three MPs are: Sudhanshu Trivedi, Bhubaneswar MP Aparajita Sarangi (who quit the IAS) and Anil Baluni. Half a dozen others are defectors from other parties. Hardcore elements in the

BJP are irked by the projection of paratroopers from other parties with no connect to the Sangh parivar, like Tom Vadakkan, Gaurav Bhatia, Shazia Ilmi, Shehzad Poonawala et al. Some youngsters have been chosen for their ability to make noise — relative freshers in the dirty school of Politics by Confrontation. Their high visibility has turned even these political pygmies into media luminaries. Since they are often seen defending the PM, they are feted by power-chasers, opportunists, civil servants and other such barnacles looking for access to the BJP's aloof top leadership. This has led their tongues to get the better of their brains. Chief spokesperson and the BJP media cell in-charge Baluni, strangely enough, rarely talks to the media. A former journalist, he came into prominence when Amit Shah became the party president. Before that, he was an aide to former Gujarat Governor Sundar Singh Bhandari. Keeping himself away from the media glare, Baluni is the man who directs spokespersons and allocates personnel to various news channels. But mystery surrounds the mechanism by which the line to take or the issues to be escalated are decided.

This is the gap in which things go spectacularly wrong. According to party insiders, its maverick media mouthpieces are neither monitored nor mentored by senior leaders. They are just driven by their insatiable lust for power and recognition, which they are in a position to attain without working hard for the party. But they can't be totally blamed for the chaos and mess created by them. Soon after coming to power, the top leadership thought it was not advisable to place experienced and known faces as the party's media marshals, enabling the PM, his ministers and social media experts to promote the good work done by the government. During the past eight years, ministers, CMs and office-bearers have been successfully using the media to grab maximum attention. But over a period of time, as complacency built up, they underestimated the power of a TV byte.

Recruiting rampaging rookies like Nupur stand in sharp contrast with the previous practice of placing seasoned leaders before the cameras. Before 2014, a senior BJP leader was always the media-in-charge. The BJP had giants like KR Malkani , Sushma Swaraj, Pramod Mahajan, Yashwant Sinha, Jaswant Singh and Arun Jaitley as the party's faces. They met journalists on a daily basis to discuss the issues to be projected through the press; an institutional framework for media handling was in place. The Congress's powerful media persuaders, like VN Gadgil, Jaipal Reddy, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Anand Sharma, Veerappa Moily, Abhishek Manu Singhvi and Pawan Khera rarely chose inappropriate words against opponents during press briefings. Nor did the older BJP pointspersons like Trivedi and Rudy.

Pampering loudmouths will get the BJP only short-term gains; there will be long-term pain in return. This time, it has given a credible handle to Muslims, already pushed to the wall by aggressive Hindutva, to speak of the Indian nation itself as having an anti-Islam agenda. For the past eight years, the Sangh Parivar has won the hearts and minds of lakhs of non-affiliated Hindus by focusing on the old history and amplifying the damage done to Hindu culture by the demolition of Hindu temples by sundry Muslim rulers. Raising issues like that relating to the Gyanvapi Mosque is getting the BJP a massive response from the middle class and even Hindus from the non-elite castes, thus helping the party polarise voters in its favour. Nupur, with a single phrase, has neutralised the gains made by the party under Modi. The Prime Minister has successfully nurtured relations with the entire Arab world. He even got hardened criminals and terrorists repatriated to India from the Middle East, which never supported Pakistan on anti-India issues. Pakistan stood isolated within the Muslim world. It is this project — under which Prime Minister Modi was being successfully projected as the Vishwa Guru — that Nupur has damaged. At the moment, Modi is under attack from both hard-core Hindutva forces for MEA's abject surrender and also friendly Arab nations thanks to the irresponsible inanities by its spokespersons. Scoring or piling up electoral triumphs ensures legitimacy for the leaders. But losing a war of perception minimises the moral authority required to deliver good governance.

Lesson: A solid and credible top with an unsound base will always be vulnerable.

QUOTE CORNER

The climate crisis knows no borders. That is why today we launch the Americas Coalition for the Protection of the Ocean together with 8 countries of the continent, because we must take concrete steps from multilateralism to face climate threats

Gabriel Boric Font, President of Chile

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Stop polarisation immediately

Massive protests broke out in different parts of the country on Friday over the controversial statement by two now-shunted out BJP spokespersons. Some protests have turned violent. Both police and agitators have been found to be injured in a few places. The visuals coming out are disturbing for a citizen. The past few days have been quite challenging for the police. They have to deal with a lot of anger and violence. Religious leaders and leaders of ruling and opposition parties need to intervene and appeal to all communities to handle the issue peacefully. The hatemongers and hooligans should be punished and the angry agitators need to be cooled down before the country becomes more polarised.

Deba Prasad Nayak, Cuttack

Need for more 'Neelam acts'

Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy (NSR), the sixth President of India (1977-1982), moved out of the palatial Rashtrapati Bhavan to a smaller accommodation and voluntarily took a 70 per cent cut in his pay in solidarity with the country's impoverished masses at that time. Thus NSR proved his Neelam (a sweet mango variety) nature and etched his name in the hearts of the people across the country. What an unparalleled and unprecedented austerity act of kindness and compassion. The above 'Neelam acts' must be painted on every government and private building across the country to inspire all officials, upper hierarchies and above all, Indian citizens cutting across caste and creed... and to emulate the same. Go for small-size offices, smaller work spaces, economise, make at least small donations and focus more on the welfare measures of the poor (like NSR).

N Nagarajan, Secunderabad

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
We appeal for peace. Amity and social harmony must be maintained. End this violence by arresting those responsible for making incendiary statements.

Yashwant Sinha @YashwantSinha
There was a face in history which was responsible for launching a thousand ships. There is a face today which is responsible for causing a thousand riots.

Piyush Goyal @PiyushGoyal
Improved global rankings of our universities are a result of consistent effort of Modi government to ensure access to best quality education globally.

Special IAF aircraft to carry Buddha relics to Mongolia

Rare occasion when antiquities classified as 'AA' are being sent abroad as an exception to govt guidelines; Indian delegation to accompany bullet-proof casket

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

AN Indian Air Force military transport aircraft will embark on a rare sortie of its lifetime to Mongolia on Sunday. It will carry four relics of Lord Buddha—also known as 'Kapilvastu Relics' — kept in bullet-proof ceremonial caskets, to Mongolia. The relics were discovered at a site in Bihar in 1898, which is believed to be the ancient city of Kapilvastu associated with Buddha. This is one of the rarest occasions when antiquities classified as 'AA' are being sent abroad as an exception to the guidelines of the ministry of culture. They will be displayed at an 11-day exposition as part of celebrations of Mongolian Buddha Purnima on June 14.

The relics — corporeal bones — will be accorded the status of a state guest and will be taken in the same climate control case as it has been preserved at the National Museum in New Delhi, on board A C-17 Globemaster, a long-haul military transport aircraft.

Last time, these relics were taken out of the country in 2012 for an exposition in Sri Lanka. According to the guidelines, antiquities placed under 'AA' category are ordinarily not allowed to be sent out of the country considering their delicate nature.

A 25-member retinue led by minister of law and justice Kiren Rijiju will also be travelling with the sacred antiquities.

"The relics will be received in Mongolia by the culture minister of the country, advisor to the President of Mongolia and a large number of monks among other dignitaries. The Lord Buddha Relics available in Mongolia would also be displayed along with the relics from India. Two bullet proof casings as well as two ceremonial caskets are being carried by the Indian Delegation for both the relics," informed the ministry.

Briefing about the travelling of relics, Rijiju on Saturday said that it is another historic milestone in India-Mongolia relations and will further boost cultural and spiritual relations between the two countries.

On request of the Mongolian Government, the ministry has made an exception and permitted exhibition of precious remains of Lord Buddha abroad.

The antiquities will be placed at the Batsagaan Temple within the premises of Gandan Monastery, which was visited by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2015. It was the first-ever trip of an Indian Prime Minister to Mongolia.

Earlier, a team of the ministry and curators of National Museum travelled to Mongolia on June 8 to review arrangements for receiving of the relics.

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HERITAGE TREASURE

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Cong plans revamp of party's social media outreach

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

THE Congress party is all set to go for a big revamp in its communication strategy, starting from a reshuffle in the media department, to getting new verticals in its social media departments, merger of data analytics department with communications, and addition of some new departments – public insights and research – with a focus to have better connect with people on ground, keeping in mind the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

"The changes in the communications department have been pending for a long time but now, the leadership is expected to finalise things soon so that we have enough time to build a road map for public outreach," said party sources.

During the Udaipur Chintan Shivir, former chief Rahul Gandhi had talked about how the party has failed to communicate effectively with people.

The Udaipur declaration also talked about setting up new departments – public insight, election management, and a national training institute.

Senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh is stated to be the top contender to head the party's communication strategy. "He is a good orator and can keep complex issues in the simplest form before the people," said a senior party leader.

The public insight department with a mandate to get public feedback on different issues is likely to come under the communication department along with the data and research department to provide the party with authentic ground reports.

There are so many issues like inflation, unemployment, and communal divide bothering people but we (the party) seem to have failed to give them an alternative option to choose as a party
Congress leader

Congress may see changes in the media department and some downsizing in the list of spokespersons. The party recently directed spokespersons to ensure they speak both in Hindi and English and to clearly articulate party's views on key issues.

A new election management department to work for the party's election preparedness round the year was proposed at the Udaipur meet. Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and poll strategist Sunil Kanugolu could get the responsibility for it.

A new team could be in place in the social media department to run the show.

DIU VISIT

Amit Shah announces 20K postal banking facilities for rural areas

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

ON the second day of his visit to Gujarat, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday attacked Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, and said the Congress did nothing for the country in their 58-year rule.

He also announced rolling out of additional over 20,000 India Post Payment Bank live touch points, which will provide banking facilities in addition to regular postal services.

While launching development projects at Padmabhushan Sports Complex in Diu, Shah said, "Rahul baba is always criticising Narendra Modi. My question to him is, 'Your four generations ruled, you ruled for 58 years, what did you do for the poor?' Our government gave houses to the needy and provided toilets and electricity. Congress worked to eradicate the poor in the name of poverty alleviation, BJP and Modi government worked to eradicate poverty."

On the completion of eight years of the Modi government, Shah said, "India is the only country in the world where 130 crore people have been given both doses of Covid-19 vaccine. And people in India have got the vaccine certificate on their mobiles, while sitting at home. This is the achievement of the Modi government."

Earlier in the day, Shah chaired a meeting of the Western Zonal Council, comprising Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu. Various issues related to inter-state boundary, security, infrastructure, transport, and industries were discussed in the meeting. The meeting is being held after a gap of two years due to the pandemic.

The Council also appreciated that expansion of banking network is being done in the rural areas, the department of posts will be rolling out 20,715 additional India Post Payment Bank live touch points. Shah advised that banks, including cooperative banks and the India Post Payments Bank, should ensure that each remaining unbanked village of the Western Zone is provided banking facilities within 5 km in the next year.

An additional over 20,000 India Post Payment Bank live touch points, which will provide banking facilities in addition to regular postal services —Home Minister Amit Shah

Sanctions only way to prevent aggressor: German envoy to India

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

AS Germany begins to reduce its dependence of oil from Russia, it also hopes that people realise how important it is to sanction Russia as it's the only way to prevent other aggressors to stay at bay.

"It is important for everyone to realise that there is a danger in principle to allow an aggressor to violate the integrity of another nation. Many countries who have border disputes would then be at risk as it could encourage the aggressor," said **Walter J Lindner**, the German ambassador to India.

Linder is due to retire in one month, and he shared varied views, ranging from the conflict in Ukraine to his love for India.

Sanctions are the only way to prevent an aggressor from advancing. Lindner said that declaring war on an erring country isn't the solution but sanctions can be a deterrent.

"Over 10,000 soldiers have lost their lives, more than 5,000 civilians are dead, and there are over 8 million refugees," Linder said, adding that every country has his own history, alliances, neighbourhood.

"We understand India's position and never pressurised them on that front," he said. He stated that while culturally, German and Russia used to be similar, the conflict has changed everything.

"Today, every other person you see in Berlin is a refugee from Ukraine. We have stopped buying coal from Russia and by August we would end our oil imports too. Gas imports take time to reduce as there is an entire infrastructure that is built around supplying it," Lindner added.

Centre exploring viability of running Hydrogen-based EV buses in cities

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AS part of its commitment towards a cleaner energy and low-carbon pathway, the Centre is working on a project to explore viability of city buses running Hydrogen-based advanced Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV).

Under the scheme, 50 buses will be run in a region. The project is similar to the one launched last year at Kevadia in Gujarat.

The Statue of Unity Area Development and Tourism Governance Authority had proposed to develop the surrounding of the 182-metre tall Statue of Unity as 'country's first e-vehicles-only area' in a phased manner in Kevadia.

Speaking at a briefing about eight years of achievements of the Narendra Modi government, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri said as with the government exploring new technologies, it had a pilot project ready of 'green hydrogen buses'.

On the lines of Statue of Unity project

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"As part of our central scheme, we are looking at new technology. We want to introduce city buses running on green hydrogen. We have a pilot project ready and it is at the finalisation stage. We will use these buses at a modal urban centre. We are going to start with 50 buses and will soon decide the place. Similar project is already being done in Kevadia. We are in touch with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and others to take heavy duty batteries and electric vehicles. The work in progress," said Puri, who also holds the charge of the ministry of housing and urban affairs.

Earlier, the Government proposed to execute the pilot project in Delhi but the idea was dropped observing that it would not be feasible, said the minister.

In March, Gadkari inaugurated a project, being conducted by Toyota Kirloskar Motor Pvt Ltd along with International Center for Automotive Technology (ICAT), to study and evaluate FCEV on Indian roads and climatic conditions.

Talks on between BJP, allies for Prez candidate

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

A wider consultation is said to be going on within the BJP to reach a final consensus for the presidential candidate from the NDA with the consent of its allies. This time, the selection of the presidential candidate is expected to be made keeping all political and electoral factors in mind, ahead of the Assembly elections in six states and the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

According to a source, seven names have been taken up for consideration and one of them would be shortlisted soon. Sources on Saturday said the JD-U in Bihar, BJD in Odisha and Andhra Pradesh-based ruling YSRP, have agreed to support the presidential candidate of BJP's choice. But no official statement has so far come from any of the parties.

"We are working through proper party procedure to decide the presidential candidate with the consent of all allies and like-minded parties," said a senior leader.

According to some sources, the names of Kerala governor Arif Muhmmad Khan and former Jharkhand governor Droupadi Murmu are on top of the list. Bollywood star Amitabh Bachchan's name is also doing the rounds. Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu is another probable candidate. A senior BJP leader said that in the last scenario, the post of vice president will then go to a candidate belonging to either Muslim or tribal community.

STRICT ACTION

'Deadwoods within force': CBI ousts nine officials

SUMIT KUMAR SINGH @ New Delhi

THE Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), India's premier investigation agency, has removed nine officials in the last one year as part of efforts to ensure high integrity and standards.

Sources said the agency compulsorily retired the officials under the Fundamental Rule 56 (J). "Each case of removal has been discussed and screened thoroughly," a source said. Sources further stated that more officials would be removed by invoking the compulsory retirement clause.

"More such actions are expected to take place in the future as the agency is reviewing the annual confidential reports and other details of its employees, particularly those facing cases," said the source, adding that a committee has been constituted to look for "deadwoods within the force."

Yet no plan to up strength

CBI director has ensured the removal of those not wanted within the force even as it is functioning with fewer officials as against sanctioned strength

The CBI, functioning under the ministry of personnel, pension and public grievances, has invoked the rule which says a government employee can be forced to retire or be dismissed after being served a minimum of three month-notice or a similar period's pay.

"Under the provisions relating to pre-mature retirement in the Fundamental Rules (FR) and the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972, the appropriate authority has the absolute right to retire a Government servant under FR 56(j), FR 56(l) or Rule 48 (1)(b) of the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 as the case may be, if it is necessary to do so in public interest," said a senior government officer.

Though the CBI is functioning with fewer officials as against the sanctioned strength, director Subodh Kumar Jaiswal has ensured removal of those not wanted within the force.

The overall sanctioned strength of CBI is 7,273, while its inposition strength is 5,740. The agency is also dependent on the deputation of officers from other government offices.

ONLINE PUSH

Tourism ministry to take microblogging route in a big way

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

WITH the Centre intensifying efforts for boosting the tourism sector – especially after Covid pandemic – the union ministry of tourism is vying to make its presence felt across social media platforms. The aim is to aggressively promote and market India as a preferred tourist destination.

In coming days, it will increase activities on microblogging and social media networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and KOO including online video sharing platforms —YouTube, Vimeo, Pinterest and Periscope.

To achieve the goal, the ministry has proposed to engage a dedicated social media team, informed officials.

According to the officials, the main objective is to strengthen the position of India as one of the most important destinations across the globe by increasing visibility and enhancing 'top of the mind' recall.

Frequent social media updates will provide maximum media exposure to all the tourist attractions amongst domestic and international tourists with a focus on right kind of messaging and establishing brand 'Incredible India'.

As per the request for proposal document to selection of the dedicated social media management agency, seen by *TNIE*, one of the objectives is to reach out to the growing netizens' population worldwide, to create awareness on India and to drive traffic to the Incredible India portal.

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Besides creating a strong audience community and increasing visibility of India in the global tourism markets, social media activities will help to create a simple and user-friendly system for exchanging ideas and feedback, the ministry believes.

The selected agency will strategise, improvise and plan the social media strategy and strengthen 'Incredible India' as a brand.

The ministry, being the nodal agency for the formulation of national policies and programmes for development and promotion of tourism, has frequently been holding various activities overseas such as participation in international travel fairs and exhibitions, organising road shows and seminars to revive tourist influx.

TRAIN MISHAP
Three men were killed while another was seriously injured after being hit by a train at the Shankargarh railway station in UP on Saturday morning, an official said

1 KILLED & 10 INJURED IN FIRING AT WEDDING IN ETAH, UP

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	38	30	Mumbai	32	28
Bhopal	37	27	Panaji	28	26
Jaipur	39	32	Patna	39	28
Amritsar	42	28	Lucknow	43	32
Chennai	37	28	Port Blair	32	27
Kolkata	38	29	Imphal	30	21
Srinagar	29	13	Chandigarh	47	32

Former Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis with Union Minister and winning BJP candidate Piyush Goyal in Mumbai on Saturday | PTI

Sena's legislator Sattar 'cross-voted': BJP MLA

Jalna: BJP MLA Santosh Danve on Saturday claimed that Shiv Sena legislator Abdul Sattar had helped BJP in the Rajya Sabha elections, which saw ruling Sena's second nominee Sanjay Pawar losing against BJP's Dhananjay Mahadik in a tight contest. "Independent MLAs are not traitors but they voted as per their Constitutional right. It is wrong to make such a statement after your nominee lost. Abdul Sattar should be the number one in Raut's list of traitors," he said.

Fadnavis beats Thackeray in his game in RS election

Ex-CM ensures victory of BJP's third candidate Dhananjay Mahadik

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In high voltage political battle for the Rajya Sabha elections in Maharashtra, former chief minister and BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis managed to score a point against Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray as he ensured the victory of the party's third candidate Dhananjay Mahadik against Shiv Sena's Sanjay Pawar.

The victory comes as a big shot in the arm for Fadnavis who has been unable to unsettle the Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi government despite his best efforts.

In fact, Uddhav has managed to have the upper hand in the game of one-upmanship right from the time when he upset the BJP's applecart and joined hands with the NCP and the Congress to form the government after the 2019 Assembly elections.

The BJP, despite emerging as the single largest party with 105 MLAs, failed to form the government as Fadnavis was caught unawares by the BJP's then ally Sena's secret parleys with the NCP-Congress combine.

Stumped by Uddhav, Fadnavis has since lost no opportunity to try and put the MVA government in the dock. The Rajya Sabha polls came as a big opportunity for the BJP leader to bounce back and showcase his political acumen. And this time, it was Uddhav's turn to taste defeat.

The way the numbers were stacked in the Assembly, BJP was sure to win two seats comfortably with some votes to spare. Fadnavis took the risk and fielded Mahadik, a resourceful candidate, against Sena's Sanjay Pawar. Both Mahadik and Pawar belong to Kolhapur district.

But it was after the nominations that the battle of nerves began. Fadnavis used his team to approach all the disgruntled independent MLAs and allies that had supported the MVA in 2019.

On the other hand, CM Thackeray continues to work from his official residence. There has been some resentment against him for not being easily accessible to even his ministers and MLAs, let alone smaller allies and Independent MLAs. Fadnavis exploited this to his advantage while Uddhav relied on some of his ministers to get in touch with smaller allies and Independents.

In fact, some of these MLAs had openly threatened to vote against MVA candidates in the Rajya Sabha elections but Thackeray apparently did not take it seriously but paid the price. The Central power prevailed over state power and several of these MLAs decided to align with the BJP.

Although the defeat of the second Sena candidate is not such a major political setback, it's an embarrassment as both sides had made it a prestige issue.

Pawar all praise for miracle victory steered by Fadnavis

NCP's winning candidate Praful Patel in Mumbai on Saturday morning | PTI

One has to accept the miracle in which BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis succeeded in weaning away independent MLAs and also those from smaller parties, who would have otherwise supported the MVA.
SHARAD PAWAR, NCP supremo

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Mumbai

Nationalist Congress Party supremo Sharad Pawar on Saturday gave a backhanded compliment to former Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis for the victory for three BJP candidates in the Rajya Sabha elections. Pawar said Fadnavis had succeeded in working a "miracle" by weaning away Independent MLAs from rival camps using "different means".

"The MVA candidates received votes in proportion to the number of MLAs. However, one has to accept the miracle through which BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis succeeded in weaning away independent MLAs and also those from smaller parties, who would have otherwise supported the MVA. He was successful in bringing people (Independent MLAs) close to him by using different means," Pawar said.

The NCP chief added that his party leader Praful Patel received an extra vote from a BJP-backed Independent MLA, who voted for Patel after informing him. "The Independent has worked with me earlier. That extra vote was from the quota of our opponent, which landed in NCP's tally. Not a single vote of the NCP, Sena and the Congress was impacted. All the fun happened in the votes of Independent MLAs," he added.

Pawar said he was not at all shocked with the election results. The MVA had tried to win the sixth seat from the state despite being short of the requisite numbers, he said. In words that would have given some comfort to CM Uddhav Thackeray, Pawar said he "tried his best to win the sixth seat. He took the risk. Winning and losing are part of politics". The defeat will not have any impact on the stability of the MVA government, he asserted.

The counting of votes for the Rajya Sabha seats in Maharashtra was held up for several hours as the BJP questioned the validity of the ballots cast by three MVA legislators, alleging that rules were violated. The MVA, too, sought invalidation of two votes, one each by a BJP MLA and an Independent MLA. The counting finally began at 1 pm on Saturday.

Kejriwal & Mann promise education 'overhaul' to woo voters in Himachal

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DELHI Chief Minister and national convenor of AAP Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann urged the electorate of the Himachal Pradesh to give the AAP one chance in the coming Assembly elections if they want their children to have a bright future. Slamming Congress and BJP for looting the country, Mann said that Britishers enslaved India for 200 years but Congress and BJP made us slave in stints of five year each.

Addressing a gathering at the town hall in Hamirpur, Kejriwal said, "If you want the 8.5 lakh students studying in Himachal Pradesh government schools to have a bright future, give a chance to the AAP, as our government in Delhi has secured the future of 16 lakh students studying in more than 1,100 government schools by making positive changes in the education system."

Claiming that the Delhi government in the last seven years had spent ₹80,000 to ₹85,000 crores on government schools, the AAP chief said his government allocated 25 per cent of the total budget towards education."

"I have come here to seek votes in the name of education and health. If you want your children to have a bright future, give one chance to the AAP. We are not so bad. If the leaders of BJP and Congress have the courage, ask them to seek votes in the name of education and employment," the Delhi CM said.

Mann said that Congress and BJP played friendly match with each other for plundering the public wealth. "But now people have AAP that is catalyst of change," he said.

Arvind Kejriwal and Bhagwant Mann in Hamirpur | PTI

Court unites child with mother 3 years after swap

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Guwahati

ONE might say what's in a name but in suburban Assam, a mix-up of names led to the swapping of a newborn — a case that has finally been decided by the court through DNA testing.

On May 3, 2019, Najma Khanam gave birth to a baby boy at the Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Medical College and Hospital in Barpeta, but as she had to be admitted to the ICU soon after, the newborn was shifted to the child care unit.

The woman's family members were shocked and crestfallen when, the next day, the hospital authority declared that the infant had died. The family claimed the baby was born healthy and could not have died.

In due course, the family filed a case with the police. During investigation, the police learnt that a male newborn was admitted to the hospital on the same day in a critical condition and that he died soon after. The infant's mother was one Najma Khatun, who hailed from Kokrajhar district.

The investigating officer filed a petition in a local court in 2020, praying for a DNA test, which was granted by the court. The report of the DNA test, which came after a long wait recently, turned out to be positive. The baby that grew up under Najma Khatun's care has now been reunited with the biological mother, Najma Khanam, three years later.

The mix-up apparently happened when a nurse swapped the two infants, confused with their mothers' names, and the dead infant was inadvertently handed over to Najma Khanam's family.

In 2018, a court in Mangaldai in the state had resolved a similar issue. Two babies – one born to a tribal couple and the other to a Muslim couple – got swapped at a hospital by mistake in 2015.

As they started growing up, their parents noticed that they looked different from the family members.

DNA tests revealed everything in due course and the families in a joint petition filed in the court agreed to exchange the boys.

Confusion over names caused the mix-up

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Change of heart: Ex-Maoist climbs police ladder

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

IN the Maoist hotbed of south Chhattisgarh, tribal Madkam Mudraj continues to engage in 'gunfight' but on his target now are the ones for who he once wielded the gun.

A feeling of guilt led the former Maoist commander, who is now in his late forties, to quit the organisation CPI (Maoist) and surrender despite the threat he received from the banned outfit. But he is happy today at his decision as he leads a life of dignity with his family.

After his surrender, Mudraj got a job as a special police officer (SPO) and gradually rose through the ranks to become a constable, assistant sub-inspector and sub-inspector. He was further promoted and is now an inspector in Chhattisgarh Police's District Reserve Guard (DRG) unit, deployed in the strife-torn Sukma district.

In the Maoist heartland, Mudraj no longer holds a gun to unleash violence or kill innocent people but to restore peace by supporting the security forces in counter terror operations against the left-wing extremists. Earlier, his movement in the rebel stronghold created fear among villagers. Now, the Maoists cadres are terrified after he switched loyalty, reposing faith in the Constitution of India.

"I was misguided and joined the Maoist organisation. After years of engaging with their ideology, I felt remorse and self-reproach for killing our own brothers. I was distressed and many a time, couldn't sleep. Finally, I arrived at a decision to quit the organisation," he said.

Mudraj's wife, too, was in the Maoist ranks and was in fact, trained by him in guerrilla warfare techniques and use of arms. "It was a joint decision not to keep our lives engaged in mindless violence but to return to the mainstream. We regret raising the gun against our brothers and sisters. We quit to live a peaceful family life," he added.

Today, Mudraj earns well and is able to give a good to his three children who are studying in an English medium school. "Had we continued in the Maoist organisation, we couldn't have even imagined the life and position we achieved now," he stated.

Mudraj was on security duty during the recent visit of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel to Konta in Sukma.

SPO Madkam Mudraj with Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel | EXPRESS

I was misguided a lot and joined the Maoist organisation. However, after years of engaging with the ideology of Maoists, I was imbued with the feeling of remorse and ridden with self reproach for killing our own brothers —Madkam Mudraj, former Maoist

BOTCHED ARMY OP

30 Special Force soldiers chargesheeted in Nagaland

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

NAGALAND Police has charge-sheeted at least 30 members of the 21 Para Special Force including a Major, in the December 4, 2021 botched army operations in Oting-Tiru area of Mon district when at least 13 civilians died. The chargesheet has slapped charges of murder and culpable homicide not amounting to murder under on the team of soldiers.

The probe which preceded the charge sheet has found that the Special Force Operation team had not followed the Standard Operating Procedure and Rules of Engagement and had resorted to indiscriminate and disproportionate firing leading to immediate death of six civilians and grievous injury to two more.

Addressing a press conference at Chumoukedima Police Complex on Saturday, Director General of Police (DGP), Nagaland, T John Longkumer said that the Tizit Police Station case related to the Oting incident where civilians were killed in an ambush laid for militants as a result of mistaken identity on December 4, 2021. The case was re-registered by State Crime Police Station on December 5 against unknown persons of the Indian Army under sections 302, 304 and 34 IPC and investigation handed over to a SIT.

A case under various sections of the IPC has been made out against thirty members of the operations team of 21 Para Special Force including a Major, two Subedar, eight Havildars, four Naiks, six lance naiks and nine paratroopers, he said.

Efforts on to pull 11-yr-old from borewell

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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A massive operation continued for the second day on Saturday to rescue the 11-year-old boy, who fell into an 80-feet deep abandoned borewell at a village in Chhattisgarh's Janjgir-Champa district nearly 24 hours ago.

According to the district administration officials, the boy, Rahul Sahu, who is stuck at around 60 to 70 feet-deep in the borewell, is still conscious and responding. He has been provided with food and oxygen is being supplied to him through a pipe, they said.

Sahu fell into the unused borewell located in the backyard of his house in Pihrid village in Malkharoda development at around 2 pm on Friday while he was playing there, officials said.

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No count of sickle cell disease cases yet

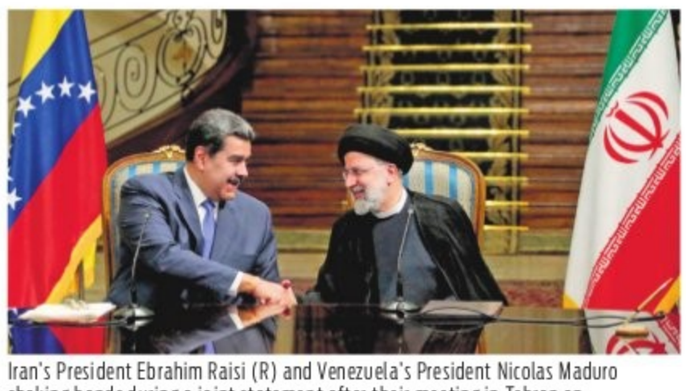
The sickle cell disease (SCD), a genetic condition that is largely incurable, continues to be ignored in India with no National Control Programme devised so far. SCD is found predominantly among tribal and other marginalised populations of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Odisha, AP and Tamil Nadu (Nilgiri hills). In Chhattisgarh alone, there are an estimated 15-35 per cent people as carriers of the disease. "Ironically, there is no proper documentation of SCD in India. Even today, there is no record of the actual number of SCD patients in the country," said Dr A R Dalla, former chairman of Chhattisgarh Red Cross Society.

`50K to `50L awards for info on top Maoists

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has released images of 21 hardcore Maoist leaders and declared rewards for giving clues or information leading to their arrest. The rebels cited in the "wanted campaign" were also stated to be involved in major violence in states of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. The award money ranges from `50 lakh to `50,000. The bounty has been fixed on senior Maoist leaders including Nambala Keshav Rao, Hidma, Hidmau and Santosh. The central probe agency has issued contact numbers and mail ID for sharing the information. The information will be kept "confidential", said the NIA.

Tussle on coal mining in Hasdeo Arand persists

Rajasthan's three critical blocks are facing the uncertainty in Chhattisgarh that accounted for the highest coal production of 158 million ton in the country's total over 700 million ton production in 2020-21. Amid the argument by activists and villagers on coal blocks to affect the rich biodiversity of Hasdeo Arand forests, the Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RRVUNL) cited its impressive records on afforestation by planting over 8 lakh trees to counter the impact of local ecology in the region. The Hasdeo Aranya Bachao Samiti demands the cancellation of the mining that is presently suspended.



Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi (R) and Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro shaking hands during a joint statement after their meeting in Tehran on Saturday | AFP

Iran, Venezuela sign 20-yr cooperation deal amid US sanction threat

TEHRAN

IRAN and Venezuela signed a 20-year deal on cooperation between the two allies subject to US sanctions during a visit on Saturday to the Islamic republic by Venezuela's President Nicholas Maduro.

The inking of the agreement "shows the determination of the high-level officials of the two countries for development of relations in different fields," Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi said.

Maduro, speaking at a joint news conference in the Iranian capital, said the cooperation covered the energy and financial sectors as well as "work together on defence projects".

Alongside the likes of Russia, China, Cuba and Turkey, Iran is one of Venezuela's main allies. And like Venezuela it is subject to tough US sanctions.

"Venezuela has passed hard years but the determination of the people, the officials and the president of the country was that they should resist the sanctions," Raisi said during the news conference, quoted by state television.

"This is a good sign that proves to everyone that resistance will work and will force the enemy to retreat," the Iranian president added.

In addition to the 20-year accord inked by the two countries' foreign ministers, "Iran and Venezuela signed documents on cooperation in the political, cultural, tourism, economic, oil and petrochemical fields," state news agency IRNA said.

"We have important projects of cooperation between Iran and Venezuela in the fields of energy, petrochemical, oil, gas and refineries," Maduro said.

Direct flights From July 18, direct flights would operate between Caracas and Tehran "in order to promote tourism and the union between our countries," he said, adding that "Venezuela is open to receive tourists from Iran".

Iran's president also emphasised the importance of direct flights between the two capitals, saying it could pave the way for the enhancement of "trade and economic relations as well as bringing the two nations closer together".

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> Ebrahim Raisi, Iran president

Bilateral ties between the two oil producers were strong under late Venezuelan socialist leader Hugo Chavez and have been further bolstered under his successor Maduro.

In May, Iran's Oil Minister Javad Owji met with Maduro during an official visit to Venezuela, which sits on the world's largest proven crude reserves.

Owji also met his Venezuelan counterpart Tareck El Aissami for talks on finding ways to deal with the economic sanctions imposed on both countries by the United States.

Owji's visit to Venezuela, which sits on the world's largest proven reserves of crude, came just weeks after a visit by United States officials in the midst of rising global oil prices due to the war on Ukraine.

In March, a US delegation held a hushed meeting with Maduro, whose very legitimacy as president Washington disputes. *AFP*

World must not look away, says Zelenskyy as battle rages in east

Regional guv stresses need for urgent int'l military assistance, says Russia more powerful

MYKOLAIV

UKRAINIAN President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said his country's forces were "doing everything" to stop the Russian offensive, with fierce battles in the east and the south.

Kyiv said on Friday it had launched new air strikes in the captured southern region of Kherson, one of the first areas to be taken by Russia after the February 24 invasion.

But Zelenskyy said on Friday "very difficult battles" were ongoing, including in the eastern Donbas region where Moscow has concentrated its firepower, especially around the eastern industrial city of Severodonetsk.

"Ukrainian troops are doing everything to stop the offensive of the occupiers," Zelenskyy said in an address.

In the Mykolaiv region near the front line in the south, the regional governor stressed the urgent need for international military assistance.

"Russia's army is more powerful, they have a lot of artillery and ammo. For now, this is a war of artillery... and we are out of ammo," Vitaliy Kim said. "The help of Europe and America is very, very important."

A house burns after being shelled during the duel between Ukrainian and Russian troops in the city of Lysychansk in eastern Ukraine on Saturday | AFP

UKRAINIAN PREZ WARNS OF FOOD CRISIS, URGES END TO RUSSIAN BLOCKADE

Singapore: Ukraine President Volodymyr Zeylenskyy on Saturday urged international pressure to end a Russian naval blockade of Black Sea ports that has choked off his country's grain exports. The UN and some countries are pushing for a maritime corridor to be opened up to allow exports to resume. "The world will face an acute food crisis and famine in many countries of Asia and Africa," he said in a video address to the Shangri-La Dialogue security summit in Singapore. *AFP*

Zelenskyy said in his address that Ukraine must "not allow the world to divert its attention away from what is happening on the battlefield".

France offers Odessa help

An adviser to French President Emmanuel Macron said France was ready to assist in an operation to allow safe access to Ukraine's Black Sea port of Odessa. It has been subject to a de facto blockade by Russia, with grain waiting to be shipped. *AFP*

'Kyiv to get word on EU entry next week'

Kyiv: Ukraine's bid to become a candidate to join the EU will get a clear signal next week, the bloc's chief Ursula von der Leyen said Saturday on a surprise visit to Kyiv. Von der Leyen said talks she held with Volodymyr Zelenskyy "will enable us to finalise our assessment by the end of next week". It was the first time the EU has publicly given timing on when the commission will deliver its opinion. The bloc's 27 member countries need to decide whether to allow Ukraine to start accession negotiations. *AFP*

First Russian passports handed out to Ukrainians

Moscow: Authorities in the Moscow-occupied city of Kherson in southern Ukraine handed out Russian passports to local residents for the first time on Saturday, news agencies reported. Russia's TASS agency said 23 Kherson residents received a Russian passport at a ceremony through a "simplified procedure" facilitated by a decree signed by President Putin in May. "It's the most important document a person can possess," said pro-Moscow chief Vladimir Saldo. AFP

Justin Bieber suffering from facial paralysis

LOS ANGELES

JUSTIN Bieber says a rare disorder that paralysed half of his face is the reason behind his tour postponement.

The multi-Grammy winner is suffering from Ramsay Hunt syndrome, he said in video he posted on Instagram on Friday. The syndrome causes facial paralysis and affects nerves in the face through a shingles outbreak.

Bieber's post comes after he cancelled his shows in Toronto and Washington, DC.

The singer demonstrated in the video that he could barely move one side of his face, calling the ailment 'pretty serious.' 'For those frustrated by my cancellations of the next shows, I'm just physically, obviously not capable of doing them,' he said.

The singer added, 'My body's telling me I've got to slow down. I hope you guys understand.' Bieber said he's unsure how long he'll take to heal. But he appeared positive about making a full recovery. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS

PAKISTAN

Money laundering case: PM gets pre-arrest bail

Lahore: A Pakistani court on Saturday granted pre-arrest bail to Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and his son and Punjab Chief Minister Hamza Shehbaz in a multi-billion rupees money laundering case, a major relief to the father-son duo after the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) took a U-turn and told the judge that their arrest was not required. The FIA had submitted an interim investigation report against the premier and other suspects in the ₹14 billion money laundering case last week and sought their arrest, arguing that "their custody is needed for further probe in the case." "On Saturday, taking completely an opposite stance, the FIA prosecutor told the court that the agency does not require the arrest of the duo in the probe," said an official. *PTI*

CHINA

Nine people arrested for attack on group of women

Beijing: Nine people have been arrested for attack on a group of women at a restaurant in China, police said, in a case that has sparked outrage over predatory sexual behaviour. Footage of the incident shows a man placing his hand on a woman's back as she shares a meal with two companions at a restaurant. After the woman pushes him away, the man strikes her before others drag her outside and deal a barrage of blows. AFP

NORTH KOREA

Kim reaffirms arms buildup in party meeting

Seoul: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un doubled down on his arms buildup in the face of what he described as an aggravating security environment while outside governments monitor signs of a possibly imminent North Korean nuclear test explosion. Kim's comments during a major three-day political conference that wrapped up on Friday didn't include any direct criticism of the US or rival South Korea. Kim defended his accelerating weapons development as a rightful exercise of sovereign rights to self-defence and set forth further 'militant tasks' to be pursued by his armed forces and military scientists, according to state-run Korean Central News Agency. The report on Saturday didn't mention any specific goals or plans regarding testing activity. *AP*

Thousands demonstrate for action on US gun violence

WASHINGTON

THOUSANDS of people took to the streets in the United States on Saturday to push for action on the devastating gun violence plaguing the country, where Republican politicians have repeatedly blocked efforts to enact stricter firearms laws.

Protesters of all ages streamed onto the National Mall in Washington, where a gun violence prevention group placed more than 45,000 white vases holding flowers — one for each person killed by a firearm in the United States in 2020.

"Protect People Not Guns," said one sign held by a protester near the Washington Monument. "Fear Has No Place In Schools," read another.

Two horrific shootings last month — one at a Texas elementary school that killed 19 young children and two teachers, and another at a New York supermarket that left 10 Black people dead — helped spark the call for the protests.

But the problem of gun violence — which has killed more than 19,300 people so far this year in the United States, according to the Gun Violence Archive — goes far beyond high-profile mass killings, with more than half of those deaths due to suicide.

"The will of the American people is being subverted by a minority," said Cynthia Martins, a 63-year-old resident, referring to the Republican Party. She carried a sign that used the party's "GOP" moniker to spell out "Guns Over People." "Hand wringing is not going to do anything – you have to make your voice heard." *AFP*

Pervez Musharraf should face 'no obstacle' in his return: Pak defence min

ISLAMABAD

AILING former military dictator General Pervez Musharraf should face "no obstacle" in his return to Pakistan in order to spend his remaining life with dignity, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif said on Saturday.

The past events should not have any bearing on the former president and military ruler's return to the country, Asif said, a day after Musharraf's family confirmed that he was suffering from Amyloidosis, a rare disease, and he was going through a "difficult stage where recovery is not possible."

Musharraf, 78, who ruled Pakistan from 1999 to 2008, was charged with high treason and given a death sentence in 2019 for suspending the Constitution. 'In view of General Musharraf's ill health, there should be no obstacle for him to return home. Past events should not be allowed to interfere in this regard," Asif said in a tweet, in the first public statement by a senior minister from the Shehbaz Sharif government after Musharraf's health condition was made public.

"May Allah give them health and they can spend their time with dignity in this part of life," he said. Musharraf's family clarified on Friday that he was not on a ventilator but had been hospitalised for the last three weeks.

The family issued the statement after false news of his demise started circulating on social media. The retired general's illness came to light in 2018 when the All Pakistan Muslim League (APML) announced that he was suffering from the rare disease amyloidosis, the Dawn newspaper reported.

Amyloidosis is the name for a group of rare, serious conditions caused by a build-up of an abnormal protein called amyloid in organs and tissues throughout the body. The build-up of amyloid proteins (deposits) can make it difficult for the organs and tissues to work properly. *PTI*

UNDER THE STARRY NIGHT

People look at screens displaying paintings by Dutch artist Vincent Van Gogh during the official opening of the 'Beyond Van Gogh : The Immersive Experience' exhibition in Bogota | AFP

EXPRESS READ

Italy locates 7 bodies at chopper crash site

Rome: Italian rescuers on Saturday located the bodies of seven people, including four Turks and two Lebanese, who died when their helicopter crashed in a heavily forested, mountainous area in north-central Italy during a storm, authorities said. The location was in a hard-to-reach valley and the chopper remains were hidden to air rescuers from the lush tree cover. *AP*

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Tender No.K/840/2022
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Tenders are invited by the undersigned from IRDAI Registered Insurance Companies and IRDAI Licensed Insurance Brokersfor providing insurance coverage against accidental death & accidental disability to the Primary Bread Earners (PBEs) of BPL families in the state of Andhra Pradesh under YSR BIMA,for a period of 1 year i.e.,from 00:00 Hrs. on 01.07.2022 to 23:59 Hrs. on 30.06.2023. The Tender Notice will be available for download on A.P e-Procurement portal from13.06.2022. Due date for submission of bids is03.07.2022. As per Rule 161 (v) of GFR, 2017,Bid responses will be opened three weeks from the date of publication of the tender notice i.e., on 04.07.2022.

Spl. Commissioner of Labour

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This is to notify the General Public that, my client Sri. H.N. NAGABHUSHAN, Sahakara Nagar, Bengaluru has negotiated for purchase of below mentioned lands from its owner **Sri. Krishniya Naidu Ananthan** S/o. Late T. Krishniya Naidu Resident of Vasanampalli Village, Kothur Post, Oomerabad, Via Vellore District, Tamil Nadu-635818.

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UK minister's plan to fly out illegal migrants to Rwanda gets court approval

LONDON

UK Home Secretary Priti Patel's new plan to fly illegal migrants to Rwanda got the go-ahead as the High Court in London allowed the first flight to proceed. The Indian-origin cabinet minister has described the new immigration strategy that will see illegal immigrants entering the UK being flown out to Rwanda as a 'bold and innovative' move. However, campaigners lodged a legal challenge against the plan but failed in an initial legal bid on Friday to halt the removals to the east African country.

'I welcome the court's decision in our favour and will now continue to deliver on progressing our world-leading Migration Partnership,' said Patel, with reference to the court's ruling. 'People will continue to try and prevent their relocation through legal challenges and last-minute claims but we will not be deterred in breaking the deadly people smuggling trade and ultimately save lives,' she said.

The judge accepted there was a "material public interest" in the minister being able to carry out her policies. There is a material public interest in the home secretary being able to implement immigration decisions," said Justice Jonathan Swift.

British PM Boris Johnson described the ruling as "welcome news" after the new plan had been tabled by the UK government in April. "We can't allow people traffickers to put lives at risk and our world leading partnership will help break the business model of these ruthless criminals," he tweeted.

The first deportations under the deal are expected to happen next week after the High Court ruling. But critics and campaigners have confirmed they will take the case to the Court of Appeal on Monday.

The scheme will see asylum seekers who make dangerous or illegal journeys, such as by small boat or hidden in lorries, being relocated for their asylum claim to be processed in Rwanda. Those whose claims are accepted will be supported to build a new life in what the UK described as one of the fastest-growing economies. *PTI*

Prince Charles calls UK's Rwanda plan 'appalling'

London: Britain's Prince Charles has called the government's plan to send asylum-seekers to Rwanda "appalling", a report said on Saturday as opponents readied a last-gasp legal bid to stop the first flight. The UK government intends to fly the first planeload of 31 claimants to Rwanda on Tuesday — shortly before Charles is due to represent Queen Elizabeth II at a Commonwealth summit in Kigali. Charles joined others, including senior Christian clerics, in denouncing the plan, and fears the issue could overshadow the Commonwealth summit on June 24-25, The Times reported. *AFP*

TAX ₹7.14 cr income tax returns were filed last fiscal against 6.9 crore in the preceding financial year, showing a clear growth, said CBDT Chairman Sangeeta Singh.

AUTHORITIES STRUGGLE TO PUT CURB ON ILLEGAL MICRO-LENDING APPS

As per RBI estimate, there were over 1,100 loan apps available for Indian Android users till last yr

DIPAK MONDAL

AMID growing number of cases involving (fake) micro-lending apps, Google has recently made its policy for listing such apps on Play Store more stringent.

It recently introduced additional requirements for developers offering personal loans in India as facilitators, requiring them to disclose the names of all partnered NBFCs and banks in the app's description. The action by Google, which owns app platform Play Store available on Android-based phones, came when law enforcement agencies and public at large detected/reported several ill-practices by these loan apps.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED), which investigates money laundering cases, had in April summoned officials from Google and sought a list of micro-lending apps on Play Store. Several micro-lending apps have been charged with money laundering, illegal lending and use of extortionist means to recover exorbitant rates of interest from their customers.

A Google spokesperson told TNIE the company will continue to assist the law enforcement agencies in their investigation of this issue. "We welcome feedback directly; any person can use a link given in Play Store to report any non-compliance of a developer program policy by an app for Google to take appropriate actions," says the spokesperson. Last year, Google had revised its developer program policy for financial services apps that required all bank and NBFC-based apps to submit a copy of the RBI licence for review.

Deep rooted problem

Despite crackdown on micro-lending apps, and efforts by app stores to put in place stringent filters, industry experts and analysts say this is an issue with deeper roots, and can't be resolved easily. As per an RBI estimate, there were over 1,100 such apps available for Indian Android users across 80 application stores (till last year). According to RBI, out of these as many as 600 were illegal apps. ED is believed to be investigating over 300 of them. An official from one of the app stores told TNIE most of the illegal practices carried out by these apps are off-the-store – which are beyond the scope of their control. He says if a recovery agent from a lending app is harassing a borrower, they can't do anything about it. "All we can do is ensure maximum disclosures by the app and transparency for borrowers," he says. Sugandh Saxena, CEO, Fintech Association for Consumer Empowerment (FACE), says despite Google's new requirements to disclose the names of NBFCs they are associated with, some apps can easily escape the scrutiny by naming fake NFBCs or NBFCs whose licenses have been revoked.

Official from one of the app stores quoted above says: "We are not an investigative agency, as a platform we can verify (information provided by the apps) to the best of our ability." In some cases, genuine NBFCs are found to be involved in illegal practices with the help of micro-lending apps. The ED even made a statement earlier this year that NBFCs in India are facilitating unscrupulous loan apps to use their license and do full-scale lending in clear violation of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) norms.

NBFCs would tie up with multiple fintech apps and allow them to operate lending activities after accepting 'security deposits' from them. In one particular case, the ED found the NFBC didn't have the required funds of ₹10 crore, and yet lent (through its mobile app partners) in excess of ₹2,200 crore in a short span of time. Officials from app stores say not all apps are downloaded from app stores, there are instances of side loading where the link of the app can be sent via messaging apps and they don't have to be listed on play store.

600 illegal loan apps were there till last year

Need concerted effort

It needs the collaborative efforts of the industry, app stores, as well as the enforcement agencies, to curb the menace of illegal lending apps. Sugandh Saxena of FACE, an association of 17 fintech firms, says they are trying to address the issue via a multi-pronged approach including identifying/monitoring apps for suspicious credentials and activities, reporting them to relevant agencies for action, and creating awareness among customers for safe lending practices. "Using market intelligence, we also identify patterns of such dubious apps and share them with agencies such as Google play store to examine further," she says. Spokesperson from Google says it has reviewed hundreds of personal loan apps in India for compliance with the relevant policy, based on flags submitted by users and government agencies.

> **We also welcome feedback directly; any person can use a link given in Play Store to report any non-compliance of a developer program policy by an app for Google to take appropriate actions**
>
> Google spokesperson

INTERVIEW

EXPECT BEST-EVER SALES IN 2022: MARTIN SCHWENK

PAVAN LALL

MERCEDES-BENZ MD & CEO Martin Schwenk in an interview tells The New Indian Express that despite supply-side challenges brought on by chip shortages the year ahead is expected to be one of the best ever for luxury cars. *Edited excerpts:*

Where do you see luxury car sales heading this year?
Going by our Q1,2022, sales performance, 2022 should be one of our best years ever in terms of volumes, as we expect exponential growth this year. We have a robust order bank of 5000+ cars currently, which we are striving to deliver to customers. The new C-Class already has received more than 1,000 confirmed bookings even before its debut. However, the industry still may not breach the 2018 volumes, but we expect all the players to grow their volumes this year.

Has the overall chip shortage stabilised?
The chip shortage continues and we also have ship shortage, which multiplies the existing supply-side challenges.

We do not see these challenges easing out anytime sooner, and it will impact deliveries in remaining quarters as well.

What's the trend line you see for Mercedes in terms of demographics, especially for first-time buyers?
Our customers are getting younger and this is evident from their reducing average age bracket. For instance the average age of the newly launched C-Class customer is about 35 years, which is significantly less than what it used to be even a decade back. There is an increasing trend of second-generation entrepreneurs and young professionals opting for a luxury marquee like Mercedes-Benz. We also see our top-end Vehicle segment growing at a much faster rate than our entry-level luxury models and this trend is not limited to major metros like Delhi, Mumbai or Bengaluru; but seen across most emerging markets.

Give us a sense of the challenges that are there - delivery delays etc... When do you expect them to normalise?
Current challenges are more in the supply side and not in the demand side. The chip and ship shortage will continue to pose pressure on the supply and delivery side, which already is impacted by the pandemic and we do not foresee the situation easing in the coming months.

You have maintained a leadership streak for the last 7 years - is that because of your deep m0 odel range - and is there a risk that may shift when other OEM product cycles reset and launch?
Customers' continuous preference for Mercedes-Benz brand and products is an outcome of multiple factors, including the customer experience our franchise partners provide, our wide network that enables us to reach where the customers are, a convenient ownership experience and also very attractive financial packages that we offer with each product. In addition we have got the youngest and the most desirable product portfolio across segments, which creates aspiration, retains loyal customers and attracts customers from other brands. We have been offering connected car features like Mercedes me connect (Mmc) and that clearly differentiates our product offering in the market.

How is your retail for the future panning out so far?
With Retail of the Future (ROTF) we have created a transparent omni-channel experience for our customers, which has been a differentiator in the Indian auto industry. While the customers are appreciating the transparency and fairness, our franchise partners are not burdened with inventory pressures anymore. We have implemented a fundamental shift in the retail business model with our new direct-to-consumer (D2C) model and it has become a benchmark in the industry already.

The one new learning after the pandemic?
Every crisis offers a new opportunity. The pandemic accelerated digitisation of the auto industry from customer journey to shop-floor production processes. We were agile to benefit from this transformation and pass on the benefits of digitisation to our customers, by creating omni-channel experience.

> **In this very limited period of time, I have to learn English, learn technical terms of science in that language and have to cover the entire syllabus of higher secondary CBSE curriculum**
>
> Brindha Devi, A student

Restaurants struggle to keep the kitchen running amid staff shortage

SAMIKSHA GOEL @ New Delhi

RESTAURANTS are opening up and people have started going out to grab a bite at their favourite places. The sector is recovering from the pains of the Covid-19 pandemic, however, all is not well within the industry as it is struggling to find staff to be able to function properly. Experts and industry players attribute the shortage to reasons induced by the pandemic. The predominant one being a lot of people working at these restaurants have left with a one-way ticket to their hometowns. Many others, at the same time, have switched to jobs with higher pay and better work-life balance.

For instance, burger joint Wat-a-Burger is on an expansion spree with a goal to reach the mark of 100 outlets by the end of this fiscal, according to its co-founder Rajat Jaiswal, who adds that given the consistent rate of growth, the Quick Service Restaurant (QSR) chain is usually 10% short of the employees required to function each month.

"As we cater to the demands of many outlets, we frequently run out of workers to maintain and keep the kitchen running. We are facing difficulty hiring well-read billing staff as we are expanding to remote locations," says Jaiswal.

The most likely explanation for the shortage, according to him, is a sudden increase in demand from all businesses following the return of normalcy after the Covid-19 pandemic. Another reason he adds is that the Covid-19 period resulted in nearly no or minimal training of employees, which has contributed to a temporary fall in the availability of trained labour or even freshmen in some sectors. "Managing businesses with fewer staff while aiming to generate higher revenues is currently increasing management stress," Jaiswal adds.

Jubilant Foodworks, which operates Domino's Pizza and Dunkin' restaurants in India, also stated labour shortage in the company's latest earnings call. "We are seeing some pressure on labour and on manpower, nothing that is unmanageable, but there is some inflation on manpower as minimum wages get revised," Pratik Pota, CEO of the company said.

Rashmi Daga, founder of QSR chain Freshmenu, which operates 34 kitchens in Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru echoes similar sentiment. "Labour shortage is a reality across the industry. Largely, the reason for that is that during the lockdown many people went back home when restaurants had to shut and while the industry has bounced back, the same number of people who left haven't come back. Some of these people have decided to stayback in their villages and are working there," says Daga. For Freshmenu, she says, it becomes relatively easier because many referrals, estimating about 30% of the workforce isn't back yet, Daga notes, "More organised players will be able to get manpower while standalone stores will struggle much more."

Primary reasons for shortage of labour

- Many people who were employed in the workforce before Covid left for their towns and haven't returned
- Skills gap created during the pandemic as most restaurants closed shop during the period
- Job security
- Low salary
- High workload

In terms of roles, she points out that it's more on the cooking side as largely it was migrants who were in the domain. "It's going to be a six-month journey to attract right talent. In the next six months, people in the industry would need to be crafty about their recruitment methods."

Online delivery platforms have also been observing shortage of delivery personnel, which has rendered them unable to meet rising demand, thus adding to the woes. In 2020 when unprecedented and large-scale closures hit the sector that was already combating labour shortage and high fluctuations, thousands of individuals were left without jobs within short period, which led to an alarmingly high shortage of skilled labour in the mid term, says Manu Saigal, Director - General Staffing, Adecco India, a temporary staffing firm. She estimates occupancy rate in the hospitality sector dipped to an nearly 34.4% compared to over 60% in recent years. Talking about other issues that are plaguing the sector, Sejal says, "Basic salaries in the industry have always been lesser in spite of the high workload, but this deficit is often countered by the 'additional income' in the form of tips and commissions. Higher-paid positions are also difficult to fill as they sometimes involve plenty of unpaid overtime and long working hours. If you put these factors together the industry is less attractive to today's youth, who are being wooed by other sectors."

A recent perception amongst hospitality sector employees who have witnessed the unprecedented toll, she explains, has dissuaded skilled talent to switch to other industries that offer more job security or work-life balance, further increasing the shortage of skilled labour.

Indian bank conducts walkathon as part of 'AKAM' iconic week celebrations

CHENNAI, 8th June 2022:Indian Bank joined the celebrations of Iconic Week of Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Corporate Affairs as part of the ongoing "AzadiKaAmritMahotsav" in mark of theupcoming 75thanniversary of India's independence on 15th August, 2022, and streamed the inaugural event held at New Delhi on 06.06.2022 live to all its offices pan-India. Extending this momentum and focussing on customer welfare, the Bank also conducted a series of credit outreach programmes across the country, includingenrolment of beneficiaries under Jan Suraksha schemes namely PMJJBY, PMSBY and APY.

Indian Overseas Bank inaugurated it's 49th Regional Office at Mysuru today

The office was inaugurated by the Bank's MD & CEO, Shri. ParthaPratimSengupta. Executive Director, Ms. Srimathy was also present at the function. The Regional Office at Mysuru is carved out of the existing Regional Offices at Bangalore and Mangalore and will monitor and coordinate 54 branches in and around Mysuru. The new Region is expected to improve business of the Bank branches at Mysuru, Mandya, Ramanagar, Tumkur, ChamarajanagarDistricts. The Mysuru Regional office is located at Kousalya Commercial Complex, DevarajuMohalla, Mysuru and is headed by Senior Regional Manager, Shri. VikasVerma. IOB is aggressively focusing on 'Digital Banking', with a view to doing away with all the paperwork.

Business & Beyond

CPCL despatches diesel cargo to Sri Lanka

CPCL has commenced the supply of Diesel to Sri Lanka in line with GoI's initiative towards neighbouring country. CPCL despatched a maiden cargo of 40TMT of Diesel, to Ceylon Petroleum Corporation Limited (CEYPETCO), Sri Lanka. The product wasloaded in vessel MT SwarnaPushpof Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) at Chennai Port on 27th May 2022. To mark the occasion ShriArvind Kumar, MD, CPCLhanded over the cargo documents to Senior Officials of the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) on 27th May 2022 in the presence of Shri S Krishnan, Director (Operations), CPCL.

Tata Cap Growth Fund to pick stake in Aarthi Scans & Labs

Tata Capital Growth Fund, a leading mid-market Private Equity Fund to acquire a minority stake in Aarthi Scans Private Limited ("Aarthi Scans & Labs"). The transaction is expected to get consummated in the next few days. Founded by Mr.V.Govindarajan in 2000, the Chennai-headquartered Aarthi Scans & Labs is the market leader in affordable and integrated diagnostics space in India. The Company today has presence across 10 states of India including the top 6 metros. The Company provides a full suite of Radiology & Pathological diagnostic services and Home sample pickups.

World Environment Day observed at PPA

For creating awareness and taking appropriate measures for the protection of our environment, World Environment Day was observed by Paradip Port Authority. Visiting Hon'ble Union MoS of MoPSW Shri Shantanu Thakur Ji led form the front as he planted a sapling by the newly built 2nd Exit road side, as a part of 1 Million tree plantation drive of PPA. He was accompanied by Shri P.L. Haranadh, Chairman and Shri A.K. Bose, Dy. Chairman in the noble mission. Earlier, Hon'ble Minister also inaugurated a Truck Parking Yard & Bulb road for congestion free traffic movement built in 32,795 sqm of land with an approximate `11 Cr. investment.

F2: Jehan narrowly misses out on win in Azerbaijan

Indian racer Jehan Daruvala came within half a second of his first Formula 2 win of the season in the Azerbaijan round's sprint race on Saturday. The Red Bull-backed Prema driver crossed the line just 0.380 seconds behind ART's Frederik Vesti at the end of a safety car-disrupted race.

CRUSHED, BUT DETERMINED TO RISE AGAIN

Boxing ace heartbroken after injury setback, MRI scan on Saturday reveals ACL tear

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

NO matter how good an athlete, one never trains for injury. It's like the most random of events that can occur and visit you at the most unlikeliest of times. Any moment like an accident, something one can never predict. MC Mary Kom was almost sobbing on the other end of the phone when she narrated the incident during the trials of the Commonwealth Games in New Delhi. For her, the randomness was crushing.

Upon MRI investigation later on Saturday, it was learnt that she has a complete tear (Grade 3) of anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) of her left knee and that probably means she could take a fairly long time to recover.

"It has never happened to me before and I am struggling to come to terms with it," she said, her voice reflecting the exasperation she was going through, her words laced with myriad emotions. At 39 years of age, any injury can be as daunting as three rounds of fight in the ring. "It's devastating." The words aptly captured the turmoil within. She will start her rehabilitation process after a week or so once the swelling and pain subsides.

A six-time world champion, who has made numerous comebacks after breaks — primarily due to childbirths, this perhaps could be the most challenging one. "I had been training for this and was sure of making the team," she said. The Olympic medallist was fighting against Nitu in the 48kg trial on Friday when the unfortunate incident unfolded. After her tenure as Rajya Sabha MP got over, she moved to her bungalow in Faridabad recently and those were the couple of days she stayed away from the national camp in New Delhi. She shifted to the one-room hostel and trained.

It (unforeseen injury) has never happened to me before and I am struggling to come to terms with it. It's devastating. I had been training for this (CWG trials) and was sure of making the team

MC Mary Kom

"It is very painful," she said. "While I was some 30 seconds into the bout, suddenly I could feel as if my leg was stuck somewhere. There was pain and I could not move. There were no signs of any discomfort before the bout. There was no signal. It just happened."

What really bothered the veteran boxer is the gravity of the injury. Though her voice sounded sombre, there was firmness with which she said, "I will make a comeback again."

Even after pregnancies she never had a problem getting back to fitness. She felt she would be able to claw back. "I still feel I have one or two years of boxing left in me. I am sure I will get back to my old form. I am consulting specialists and after that we (my team) will draw up a plan for rehabilitation."

Like in the ring, even after being pushed to the ropes, she is not giving up hope. "I can fight my way out," she said. The course she would take, however, will be assessed in the days to come.

Lovlina, Nikhat set for CWG

Lovlina Borgohain (70kg), Nikhat Zareen (50kg), Nitu (48kg) and Jaismine (60kg) posted victories in the national trials in Delhi to secure 2022 CWG berths on Saturday. Lovlina and Nikhat asserted their dominance to outplay their rivals in the finals. Nitu and Jaismine had to work hard to make the cut.

Muscle gain behind Manu's secret to gold

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

ON a day when Manpreet Kaur broke her own national record in the women's shot put, the best action on the Day 2 of the 61st national inter-state athletics championships came from two familiar sources: the men's long jump and the javelin.

Thanks to one generational athlete who has opened the door for others in the javelin and a couple of jumpers who seem to cross 8m — the gold-standard — on regularity, both these competitions is appointment viewing.

Saturday was no different. Even as M Sreeshankar breached the 8m mark again to win with a jump of 8.23m, the javelin final, which happened at the same time, acted as a timely reminder apropos the talent pool in the country.

Uttar Pradesh's Rohit Yadav had set the stall out early doors with a throw of 82.45m in his first attempt. That status quo was shattered by Karnataka's Manu DP with a throw of 84.35m in his third attempt (10th best this year). While Manu won gold, Rohit breached the 80m mark in four of his six throws — reflecting his consistency.

What's more remarkable about Manu's throw is that he seemingly surprised himself and his coach, Kashinath Naik, the first Indian to medal in this event at the Commonwealth Games (2010). "I knew he would throw above 82m this time but 84 plus... what can I say, 'God is great'," he told reporters after watching his ward smash by his personal best by 2m. While this is perhaps the beginning of the next chapter in the story of the Karnataka lad, his javelin career had no right to take off — literally and otherwise — when it did in 2019. He was disregarded for being a touch too skinny. His strength, it was deemed, was lightweight for the event. What was worse was he was throwing 65m, not good even for a 18-year-old boy like Manu.

That was when Kashinath, who was worked with all javelin A listers to come out of India including Neeraj Chopra, took the teen under his wings. "People at the Army (they train at the Army Sports Institute in Pune) were asking why I was interested in taking a 65m thrower," Kashinath remembered.

"I liked his speed and his explosive style. I also wanted to train him because he's from the South. There aren't many javelin throwers from the South and I liked what I saw."

He used his speed and explosive ability as a base to work on Manu's upper body strength. The immediate plan of action was to build up his muscle mass. Manu was also asked to let go off masala while he added a healthy amount of peanut butter to his customised menu.

Kashinath also put in place a time table. When to sleep, when to train, when to eat and so on. True to form, on Friday night, Kashinath wrote down a time table for Manu to follow on Saturday. "Come to stadium at 5.30 pm, warm-up at 6.15 pm and start off with a good opening throw (79m) to relieve pressure."

His 78.73m on the first throw was just short but it set him on his way.

Hima Das (L) won the gold medal with an effort of 11.43 secs in the senior inter-state national meet on Saturday | MARTIN LOUIS

With her fastest 100m run, Hima pips Dutee for gold

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

INJURIES can be crushing. At times mentally draining. Making a comeback can be equally challenging. After scorching the track in 400m, setting national record with a run of 50.79s, winning gold at the Asian Games in 2018, touted as the next quarter-mile sensation and then slipping off the 400m block. The story cannot get more compelling. The same ground where she was to be part of the India team in 2017 turned out to be the lucky venue once again.

On a humid Saturday evening, Hima ran her fastest 100m. As she crossed the finish line, at 11.43s she took a glance to her left — Srabani Nanda in Lane 4 was next to her and on Lane 3 national record holder in 100m Dutee Chand. She raised her hand and let off a yell. It was something cathartic for those torturous times she had to endure while trying to etch her name in the shortest sprint. Dutee finished second with a timing of 11.44s while Srabani clocked 11.53s.

Interestingly, this year's fastest woman athlete S Dhanalakhmi of Tamil Nadu, who clocked 11.26s in Turkey last week, was not running in 100m. In the same meet, Hima was second with a timing of 11.59s. On Friday, she ran 11.67s in the semifinals.

Results (select): MEN: 100m: 1. Amlan Borgohain (Asm) 10.47s; 2. K Elakkiyadasan (TN) 10.48; 3. Harjit Singh (Pun) 10.55; 400m: 1. Amoj Jacob (Del) 45.68s; 2. Noah Nirmal Tom (Ker) 46.44; 3. Muhammed Ajmal (Ker) 46.58; Pole Vault: 1. S Siva (TN) 5.00m; 2. A Gnana Sone (TN) and Sunil (Har) 4.60; Long Jump: 1 M Sreeshankar (Ker) 8.23m, 2 Muhammed Anees Yahiya (UP) 8.15m; 3. Swaminathan (TN) 7.89; Javelin: 1. Manu DP (Kar) 84.35m (MR); 2 Rohit Yadav (UP) 82.54; Yashvir Singh (Raj) 78.62. **WOMEN:** 100m: 1. Hima Das (Asm) 11.43s; 2. Dutee Chand (Odi) 11.44; 3. Srabani Nanda (Odi) 11.53; 400m: 1. Kiran Pahal (Har) 52.47s; 2. Rupal Chaudhary (UP) 52.72; 3. R Vithya Ramaraj (TN) 53.78. Shot Put: 1. Manpreet Kaur (Har) 18.06m (NR); 2. Kiran Baliyan (UP) 16.84; 3. Abha Khatua (Mah) 16.69.

Injured during the Asian track and field in Doha two years ago, Hima could not recover enough to run in one of the most demanding of track events, the quarter-mile. For an athlete to switch events in which she ruled to the one where she needed to establish was never easy. Losing race after race in 100m and 200m could play havoc, especially in the mind. Hima, however, said that pressure is part of winning. "There is pressure and will be," she said after the race.

The 22-year-old girl from a small village in Assam felt even in 100m she would be able to do well. "It is my personal best timing in 100m," she said. "As of now I would be concentrating on 100m and 200m and will see later about other races." She said it was an ordeal running 400m during her back injury. "My L4 and L5 were gone and while running 400m I was struggling in the last 100m. I could run up to 300m comfortably but the left side of my back hurt after that. When I had tried to take speed in the last 100m once (during training abroad), I was hospitalised. So coaches suggested her to run 100m and 200m.

"Initially there was pressure as I had to change events, but then I learnt a lot during injury time. Sachin sir (Tendulkar) also said that 'a player has to live with injury'. There's a kind of friendship between injury and a player...so one has to live with it." And she thanked Sachin (sir) for inspiring her.

Hima, however, said that 400m is on her radar but when she did not know. "I have not cut 400m directly. But coming back from injury is a process and that will time. I could not have run 400m. Eventually, I started running 100m and 200m. As of now, I won't run 400m but later yes. Maybe at the end of this year or early next year, I can run. I can prepare for the next Asian Games."

IPL MEDIA RIGHTS AUCTION
WHAT'S IN STORE?

Another bumper pay-day awaits the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) as the Indian Premier League (IPL) media rights will be e-auctioned on Sunday. A short explainer...

WHAT'S THE IPL MEDIA AUCTION?

In rudimentary terms, it's basically which company will have the right to broadcast the IPL across multiple platforms (TV and online). Rights to the last cycle was owned by Star India. The next cycle (2023-27) is now upon us. Industry sources suggest that the next cycle could go for well in excess of ₹ 50,000 crore (the last cycle was worth just south of ₹ 16,350 crore).

WHO ARE THE COMPANIES IN THE FRAY?

Reports suggest Amazon have dropped out. So, the main players remaining are Disney-Star, Sony-Zee and Viacom18. What's adding a layer of intrigue is that both Sony-Zee and Viacom are getting a new cash injection so both of them could flex their muscles a bit to add one of the most premium products in the Indian sporting ecosystem today.

WAIT, ALL CATEGORIES? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

Unlike in 2017, when Star won because of a consolidated bid even though likes of Facebook bid the highest amount in the digital category, BCCI have split the categories this time. In all, there are four categories. TV rights for Indian subcontinent (Category A, base price of ₹49 cr per game), digital rights (Category B, base price of ₹ 33 cr per game), a non-exclusive package open only to OTTs (Category C, base price of₹ 16 cr per game broadcasting 18-20 games per season) and Rest of the World (Category D, base price of ₹ 3 cr per game).

OKAY, HOW WILL AN E-AUCTION PROCESS WORK?

It's going to be a first-of-its-kind e-auction in Indian cricket. So incremental bids can be placed and bidders have the option of walking away at any time during the process. The process will go on till there is a winner in all categories. As the BCCI have decided to operate without a deadline, it could very well spill into Monday.

CAN YOU BREAK THIS DOWN FURTHER?

We could well have a scenario of rivals owning the same product on different platforms. For example, Star India may have the rights to broadcast the games on TV but Viacom (via Voot) or Sony-Zee (likely via SonyLIV) may own the rights to show on an OTT platform. In the 2017-22 cycle, Star India owned the product outright because of its consolidated bid.

Can India come back stronger?

After their defeat in the first T20I against South Africa, the young Indian side would want to make a comeback in Cuttack on Sunday. A look...

INTENT ALL THE WAY

Although India did not end up on the right side, one cannot help but appreciate the intent shown by the young Indian top-order in Delhi. Will be interesting to see if they can maintain the same across conditions.

STRUGGLE OF SPINNERS

Yuzvendra Chahal and Axar Patel went for 66 runs in 6.1 overs combined with just one wicket to show. SA spinners had their share of struggles too, but for India to have an impact with their bowling attack, it would be essential that the spin duo come good in Cuttack.

DEBUT FOR ARSHDEEP?

With all three pacers going for runs, it would be interesting to see if the Indian team management brings in someone like Arshdeep Singh to see if the left-arm pacer can have an impact for them.

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS FROM 7 PM, CUTTACK

EXPRESS READ

FIH Pro League: India men win, women lose

ANTWERP: Goalkeeper PR Sreejesh saved a penalty stroke in an exhilarating shoot-out after making some breathtaking saves in regulation time as the Indian men's team stunned Olympic champions Belgium 5-4 in the first match of the two-legged FIH Pro Hockey League on Saturday. The women lost 1-2 to Belgium in their first match.

India beat Afghanistan 2-1 in Asian Cup Qualifiers

KOLKATA: A stunning goal from talisman Sunil Chhetri and an injury-time strike from Sahal Abdul Samad powered India to a 2-1 victory over Afghanistan in the AFC Asian Cup Qualifiers here. The win helped India consolidate their position in the group as they seek to make a second straight appearance in the Asian Cup and fifth overall.

Praggnanandhaa wins title in Norway

STAVANGER (NORWAY): Young Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa emerged winner in the Norway Chess Group A open chess tournament here with 7.5 points from nine rounds. The 16-year old GM, the top-seed, was in fine form and remained unbeaten through the nine rounds. He finished the tournament with a win over fellow Indian V Praneeth.

Pant & Co look to bounce back in second T20I

TANMAY DAS @Bhubaneswar

ONE game down in the five-match T20I series, the Indian team would be keen pull at all stops to make a comeback in the second T20I against South Africa at the Barabati Stadium, Cuttack on Sunday.

Both the teams spent quality time in the nets on Saturday, with over 10,000 spectators present in the stands during the Indian practice session. During the pre-match press conference, India pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar said, "Our batters put up a good total on the board. The bowling department let the team down. The series is wide open, we will bounce back soon."

The Indian team is always a strong team at home conditions... The pitch at Barabati Stadium seems pretty green and we are expecting overcast conditions on Sunday. We will use our bouncer in time to put Indian (batters) on the back foot.

Wayne Parnell, South Africa pacer

Meanwhile, the South African team would be determined to keep up momentum. Addressing the media on Saturday, Wayne Parnell said, "The match will be a crucial one. The Indian team is always a strong team at home conditions. Most of the grounds are batter-friendly in the shortest format. The pitch at Barabati Stadium seems pretty green and we are expecting overcast conditions on Sunday. We will use our bouncer in time to put Indian (batters) on the back foot."

"In India, toss is vital, but you should do well in all departments to win. The Delhi pitch was a bit dry, but at Cuttack, the weather is a different one altogether," added Parnell.

Indian players during a training session in Cuttack on Saturday | BISWANATH SWAIN

Deepak skips Ranking Series for U-23 meet

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

IN a surprising move, the 2020 Tokyo Olympian Deepak Punia (86kg) has decided to compete in the upcoming U-23 Asian Wrestling Championships skipping the all-important Rome Ranking Series. The event will be Deepak's first in any age-group international meet since August 2019 when he clinched 86kg gold in junior Worlds. As per United World Wrestling's (UWW) record, he last competed in an U-23 international event back in November 2017. The U-23 Asian Championships is scheduled in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan from June 19 to 26 while the Matteo Pellicone Ranking Series is slated from June 22 to 25 in Italy.

"He (Deepak) felt the U-23 continental event is important and wanted to compete there. Apart from him, three more freestyle wrestlers from the senior category (74kg Naveen, 97kg Deepak and 125kg Mohit Grewal) will take part in the Bishkek event," Vinod Tomar, assistant secretary of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), told this daily.

The UWW is organising four Ranking Series this year. According to the UWW, the top eight wrestlers, who acquire the most points from these series events and the continental championships, will earn a seed for the World Championships. The Worlds is scheduled in Belgrade, Serbia from September 10-18. Since his brilliant show in 2019 when he clinched junior Worlds gold and silver in senior Worlds, Deepak was in the top-4 of his weight category most of the time. Inconsistency, coupled with injury, however, made him slip considerably in the ranking chart as presently he is placed ninth.

He won silver at the 2022 Asian Championships in April but competed in 92kg at the two finished Ranking Series thus earning himself no points to climb up the ladder. He bagged bronze in the first series event (Yasar Dogu) in February and forfeited all his bouts due to injury in the second series held in Almaty, Kazakhstan early this month. As he has decided to skip the Rome series, he is now left with only a ranking event to compete which is scheduled in Tunis, Tunisia from July 14 to 17 ahead of the Worlds, and secure as many points as possible.

"He will improve the ranking before the Worlds. It's not a big issue," asserted Tomar. Virender Singh, Deepak's coach, also echoed the sentiments but emphasised that injuries prevented his ward from winning medals of late. "Even during the selection trials held to pick up the national squad for the 2022 Commonwealth Games, he has a rib injury. Despite that, he competed there to make it to the squad. But it delayed his recovery. He is getting better with each passing day," the coach signed off.

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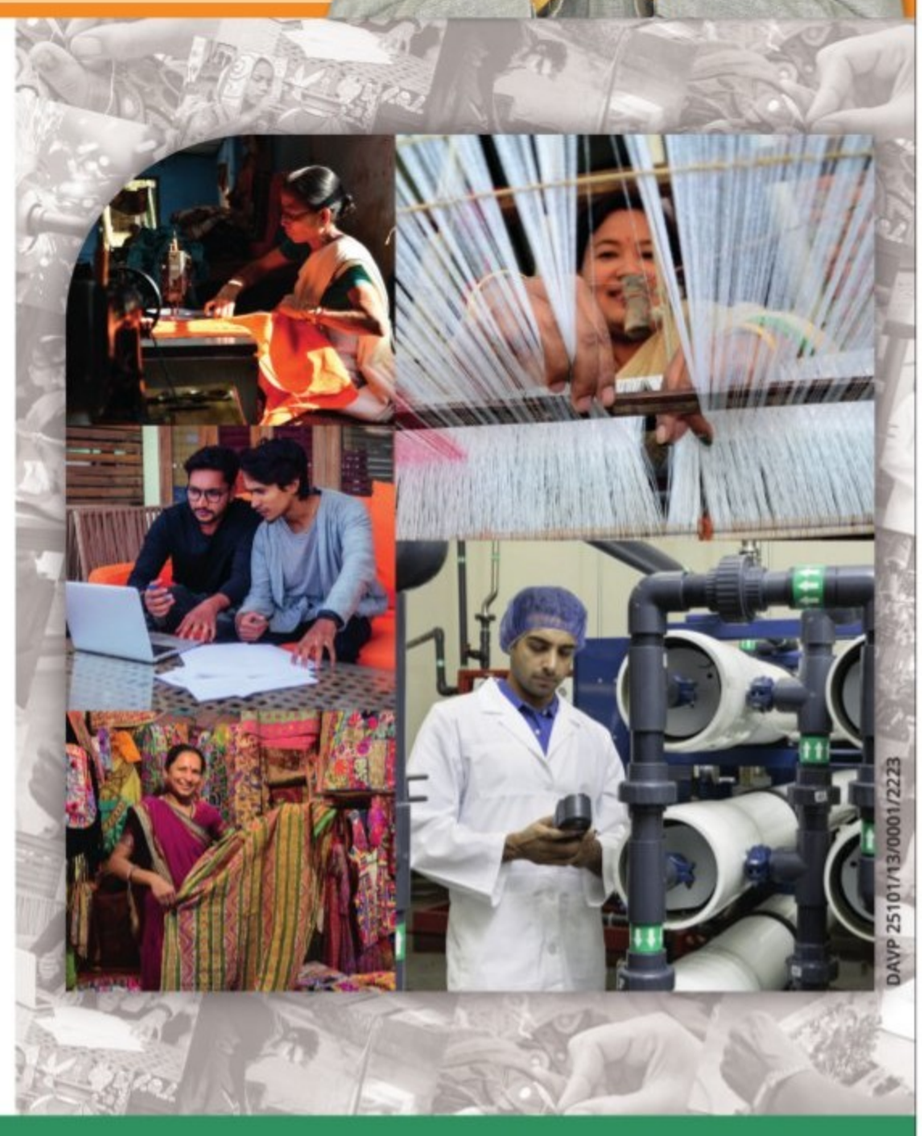

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